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1 **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

2 **ON TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2013 ON PAGE 187]**

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND
7 GENTLEMEN. (GAVEL) THE BOARD WILL COME TO ORDER. TODAY, JULY
8 16, 2013. WE WELCOME YOU TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF
9 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WE
10 TAKE NOTE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS WHO IS IN PLACE, PAUL
11 KOBLINTZ AND OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SACHI HAMAI, CHIEF
12 EXECUTIVE OFFICER BILL FUJIOKA. OUR COUNTY COUNSEL IS JOHN
13 KRATTLI. THIS MORNING'S INVOCATION WILL BE BROUGHT BY PASTOR
14 AMILCAR SOSA, BELL FRIENDS CHURCH, AT THE INVITATION OF
15 SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA. OUR PLEDGE VETERAN, GARY CHAPMAN,
16 LIFE MEMBER OF POST NO. 3000, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE
17 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, QUARTZ HILL, AT THE INVITATION OF
18 SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH OF THE FIFTH DISTRICT. LADIES
19 AND GENTLEMEN, IF YOU WILL PLEASE RISE FOR THE MORNING'S
20 INVOCATION. PASTOR?

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22 **AMILCAR SOSA:** LET'S PRAY. LORD, WE THANK YOU FOR OUR LIVES. WE
23 THANK YOU FOR THIS BEAUTIFUL DAY. WE THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING
24 THAT WE WILL ENJOY IN OUR LIVES. WE THANK YOU FOR OUR
25 FAMILIES: FATHERS, BROTHERS, SISTERS AND OTHER MEMBERS. WE



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1 THANK YOU FOR OUR FRIENDS. WE THANK YOU FOR OUR JOBS,
2 ESPECIALLY FOR THIS CRISIS THAT WE'RE FACING AND FOR YOUR
3 MERCY THAT HAS BEEN ALWAYS WITH US. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
4 PATIENCE. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PEACE. WE RECOGNIZE THAT IT
5 ONLY COMES FROM YOU. AND WHEN WE NEED IT OVERFLOW ALL
6 UNDERSTANDING. WE THANK YOU FOR THE PEOPLE IN THIS SESSION
7 THAT YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO BE HERE. WE THANK YOU FOR OUR
8 PRESIDENT, BARACK HUSSEIN OBAMA, THE U.S. CONGRESS, THE HOUSE
9 OF REPRESENTATIVES AND OTHER AUTHORITIES THAT LEAD OUR NATION.
10 OUR PRAYERS THIS DAY ARE: HELP US TO MAKE THIS DAY ALL THE
11 RIGHT DECISIONS THAT THEY WILL BENEFIT OUR COUNTY OF LOS
12 ANGELES. CONTINUE GIVING US GOOD HEALTH, ENERGY, ABILITY,
13 VIGOR AND -- LOOK WITH EYES OF MERCY FOR OUR FAMILIES WHEREVER
14 THEY MAY BE. WE THANKS GOD FOR HEARING OUR PRAYERS, AMEN.

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16 **GARY CHAPMAN:** PLEASE PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART.
17 VETERANS, RENDER A HAND SALUTE. REPEAT AFTER ME. [PLEDGE OF
18 ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
21 SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. IT'S MY HONOR THIS
24 MORNING TO WELCOME PASTOR AMILCAR SOSA AND PRESENT HIM TODAY
25 WITH A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FROM OUR BOARD OF



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1 SUPERVISORS. PASTOR AMILCAR SOSA, WHO HAS LED THE CONGREGATION
2 AT CENTENNIAL BELL HISPANIC FRIENDS CHURCH FOR OVER 20 YEARS.
3 PASTOR SOSA WAS BORN AND EDUCATED IN GUATEMALA. AFTER ARRIVING
4 IN THE UNITED STATES, HE STUDIED AT LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL,
5 GRADUATED FROM THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY POLICE ACADEMY AND
6 HAS SERVED AS CHAPLAIN THROUGHOUT THE LOS ANGELES REGION.
7 PASTOR SOSA, I WANT TO THANK YOU, NOT ONLY FOR JOINING US
8 TODAY AND LEADING US IN PRAYER AND INVOCATION BUT MORE
9 IMPORTANTLY FOR SERVING OUR COMMUNITY. CONGRATULATIONS AND
10 THANK YOU SO MUCH, SIR. THANK YOU, SIR. [APPLAUSE.]

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, PLEASE.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, IT'S A PLEASURE TO
15 WELCOME FROM THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, FROM PALMDALE, GARY CHAPMAN,
16 WHO SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY. HE IS A LIFETIME MEMBER
17 OF THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WAR POST NO. 3000 IN QUARTZ HILL.
18 HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY IN VIETNAM AND HE IS
19 MARRIED AND RETIRED. AND WE APPRECIATE HIS LEADERSHIP IN THE
20 MILITARY AND IN OUR COMMUNITY. [APPLAUSE.]

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK BOTH PASTOR SOSA AND
23 MR. CHAPMAN. THANK BOTH SUPERVISORS MOLINA AND ANTONOVICH,
24 RESPECTIVELY. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, IF YOU WOULD PLEASE
25 CALL THE AGENDA?



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2 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN,
3 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 2,
4 PRESENTATION ON SET MATTERS. ON ITEM S-2, AS INDICATED ON THE
5 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT
6 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO AUGUST 20, 2013. AND ON THIS ITEM,
7 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THE
8 ITEM. ON ITEM S-3, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA,
9 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
10 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JULY 30, 2013. ON ITEM S-4, SUPERVISOR
11 RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO
12 JULY 23, 2013. ON ITEM S-5, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
13 AGENDA, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
14 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JULY 23, 2013. ON PAGE 5, AGENDA FOR THE
15 MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM NO. 1-D,
16 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
17 ITEM. ON PAGE 6, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING
18 AUTHORITY, ITEM 1-H, THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR
21 MOLINA MOVES, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SECONDS. SEEING NO
22 OBJECTIONS, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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24 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 7, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
25 ITEMS 1 THROUGH 7. ON ITEM NO. 1, THIS INCLUDES SUPERVISOR



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1 ANTONOVICH'S APPOINTMENT AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
2 AGENDA. AND ALSO ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS
3 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON ITEM NO. 2, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
4 THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE. AND ON
5 THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO
6 HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 3 AND 4, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM
7 EITHER A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS.
8 ON ITEM NO. 5, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MEMBERS OF THE
9 PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 6, THERE'S
10 A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. THE
11 ITEM THAT IS BEFORE YOU IS ITEM NO. 7 UNDER THE BOARD OF
12 SUPERVISORS.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR
15 ANTONOVICH MOVES. AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY SECONDS. IF THERE
16 ARE NO OBJECTIONS, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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18 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 11, CONSENT CALENDAR,
19 ITEMS 8 THROUGH 36. ON ITEM NO. 8, AS INDICATED ON THE
20 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT
21 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JULY 30TH, 2013.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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25 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM --



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** 8.

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4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEMS 8, 9, 10, 11, AND 12,
5 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM EITHER A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE
6 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 13, SUPERVISOR
7 ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO
8 JULY 30, 2013. AND ON THIS ITEM THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
9 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON ITEM NO. 14, AS INDICATED
10 ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
11 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JULY 23,
12 2013. ON ITEM NO. 15 AND 16, THE DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH
13 REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JULY 30,
14 2013. ON ITEM NO. 20, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE
15 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ALSO ON ITEM 21, THERE'S A REQUEST
16 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 28,
17 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
18 ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 29, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA,
19 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
20 ONE WEEK TO JULY 23, 2013. AND ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST
21 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON ITEM NO. 32,
22 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
23 ITEM. AND THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE
24 BEFORE YOU.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR
2 MOLINA MOVES. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SECONDS. I SEE NO
3 OBJECTIONS, THEREFORE PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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5 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 26, ORDINANCE FOR
6 INTRODUCTION, ITEM NO. 37, AND ON THIS ITEM, AS INDICATED ON
7 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS
8 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JULY 30, 2013. 37?
9 SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEMS 38 AND 39, ON THESE ITEMS I'LL READ
10 THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. ON ITEM NO. 38, THIS IS THE
11 TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A
12 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF 2013/14 TAX AND REVENUE
13 ANTICIPATION NOTES ON BEHALF OF CERTAIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY
14 SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF PARTICIPATION
15 CERTIFICATES IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
16 \$158,500,000. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR
19 YAROSLAVSKY MOVES, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH DOES SECOND. WE SEE
20 NO OBJECTIONS, THEREFORE PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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22 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 39, THIS IS THE
23 TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT
24 RESOLUTIONS TO LEVY THE 2013/14 SPECIAL TAXES FOR COMMUNITY
25 FACILITIES DISTRICTS NO. 1, NO. 2, NO. 3, IMPROVEMENT AREAS A,



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1 B, C, NO. 4, IMPROVEMENT AREA C, NO. 5, NO. 6, IMPROVEMENT
2 AREA A AND NO. 7. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
5 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MOVES. SUPERVISOR MOLINA SECONDS. SEEING
6 NO OBJECTIONS, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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8 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 27, MISCELLANEOUS
9 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS
10 IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
11 AGENDA. ON ITEM NO. 40-A, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF
12 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 40-B, SUPERVISOR
13 ANTONOVICH VOTES NO ON THE ITEM AND THERE'S REQUEST TO HOLD
14 THE ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 40-C, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER
15 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND THAT COMPLETES THE
16 READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, SPECIAL ITEMS
17 BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 3.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL
20 PROCEED WITH OUR SPECIAL GUESTS FOR THIS MORNING FOLLOWED BY A
21 PRESENTATION BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, ANTONOVICH IN THAT
22 ORDER. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, TODAY WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE WITH
23 US AND WELCOME THE HONORABLE CARLOS SADA, THE CONSUL GENERAL
24 OF MEXICO HERE IN LOS ANGELES. HE ARRIVED HERE FROM NEW YORK,
25 WHERE HE SERVED AS CONSUL GENERAL OF MEXICO FOR TWO YEARS.



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1 BEFORE THAT, HE WAS MINISTER FOR CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS AT THE
2 EMBASSY OF MEXICO IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND PRIOR TO THAT
3 ASSIGNMENT, HE WAS CONSUL GENERAL OF MEXICO IN CHICAGO, WHERE
4 HE ALSO SERVED AS DEAN OF THE CONSULAR CORPS FROM 2005 TO
5 2007. HE HAS ALSO SERVED AS CONSUL GENERAL OF MEXICO IN SAN
6 ANTONIO, TEXAS AND IN TORONTO, CANADA. THE CONSUL GENERAL
7 HOLDS A DEGREE IN INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING AND HAS COMPLETED
8 GRADUATE STUDIES IN THE U.K. AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE,
9 IN THE NETHERLANDS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DELFT, AT THE PUBLIC
10 ADMINISTRATION INSTITUTE OF THE HAGUE. HE HAS BEEN ESPECIALLY
11 ACTIVE IN FOSTERING PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE DIPLOMACY AND EDUCATIONAL
12 AND TRADE RELATIONSHIPS. HE HAS ALSO SERVED ON THE BOARDS OF
13 DIRECTORS OF NUMEROUS CIVIC, BUSINESS, AND EDUCATIONAL
14 ORGANIZATIONS. HE WILL LEAD ONE OF THE LARGEST CONSULATES IN
15 LOS ANGELES, AND HIS JURISDICTION INCLUDES OREGON -- THAT IS
16 ORANGE, SAN BERNARDINO, VENTURA, FRESNO, SANTA BARBARA, AND
17 SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTIES. ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS, MR. CONSUL GENERAL, AND OUR MORE THAN 10 MILLION
19 RESIDENTS, I'M VERY PLEASED TO WELCOME YOU TO LOS ANGELES. WE
20 LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH YOU AS YOU LEAD THE
21 CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT OF THE VITAL RELATIONSHIP WE SHARE WITH
22 MEXICO. WELCOME AND THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. HAVE A FEW
23 WORDS. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **HON. CARLOS SADA:** MUY BUENOS DIAS. I'M DELIGHTED TO BE HERE,
2 OF COURSE. AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK, FIRST OF ALL, THE BOARD
3 OF SUPERVISORS OF L.A. COUNTY. IT IS FOR ME A GREAT HONOR TO
4 BE HERE. AS WAS MENTIONED, I JUST ARRIVED LAST SATURDAY FROM
5 NEW YORK. THIS IS MY SECOND DAY OF ACTIVITIES, AND I WOULD SAY
6 THIS IS THE FIRST OFFICIAL MEETING THAT I HAVE. SO I'M VERY
7 THRILLED TO HAVE BEEN RECEIVING THIS WELCOME, WHICH IS
8 HONORING ME. THROUGHOUT MY DIPLOMATIC CAREER, I'VE BEEN IN
9 SEVERAL PLACES, AND IT WAS MENTIONED HERE OF THE UNITED STATES
10 BUT NEVER, EVER IN THE WEST COAST. IT SEEMS THAT THE
11 PRESIDENTS OF MEXICO WERE KEEPING ME THE BEST FOR LAST. AND
12 I'VE BEEN REALLY FACING TOUGH WEATHERS IN CHICAGO AND
13 WASHINGTON, EVEN NEW YORK. AND SINCE I HAVE ARRIVED TWO DAYS
14 AGO, I HAVE HAD EXTRAORDINARY WEATHER HERE, AND MOST IMPORTANT
15 IT IS THE WELCOMING RECEPTION OF ALL OF YOU IN AUTHORITY. IT
16 IS MY ROLE AND IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO STRENGTHEN THE
17 RELATIONSHIPS WITH ALL OF THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ACTORS OF
18 ALL THE JURISDICTIONS WHERE WE WORK. AND I'M VERY MOTIVATED TO
19 STRENGTHEN THIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I
20 KNOW THE ROLE THAT YOU PLAY. I KNOW THAT WHAT YOU REPRESENT IS
21 ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT AND POPULACE COUNTIES IN THE
22 COUNTRY. AND IT IS A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE. AND IT REMINDS ME
23 BECAUSE WHEN I WAS IN A POLITICAL SCENARIO, I WAS MAYOR OF MY
24 HOMETOWN. SO I KNOW WHAT THE PUBLIC HEARINGS ARE AND THE
25 CHALLENGES THAT YOU FACE EVERY SINGLE DAY. SO I LOOK FORWARD



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1 TO WORKING WITH YOU AND TO STRENGTHEN THIS RELATIONSHIP. AND I
2 LOOK FORWARD TO VISIT EACH INDIVIDUALLY ONE OF YOU SO THAT WE
3 CAN DEVELOP AN AGENDA DURING MY TENURE IN IN EXTRAORDINARY
4 COUNTY OF L.A. SO AGAIN ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO,
5 ON BEHALF OF THE CONSUL OF MEXICO, I THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR
6 THIS VERY IMPRESSIVE WELCOMING. AND I'D LIKE TO ALSO THANK ALL
7 OF YOU FOR THIS PLAQUE THAT IS GOING TO BE PRESENTED TO ME.
8 MUCHAS GRACIAS. [APPLAUSE.]

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU NOW. SUPERVISOR
11 YAROSLAVSKY, PLEASE.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D LIKE TO ASK THE L.A.F.C.O.
14 FOLKS TO COME FORWARD. TODAY I'M JOINED BY JERRY GLADBACH, THE
15 CHAIR OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION, ALSO KNOWN AS
16 L.A.F.C.O. HE'S AN ELECTED MEMBER OF THE CASTAIC LAKE WATER
17 AGENCY IN SANTA CLARITA. IS DAVID SPENCE WITH US TODAY OR DID
18 HE NOT MAKE IT? HE DIDN'T MAKE IT. AND PAUL NOVAK, WHO IS THE
19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COME ON UP HERE, PAUL, THE EXECUTIVE
20 DIRECTOR OF L.A.F.C.O. GOVERNOR EDMUND G. BROWN, SR. SIGNED
21 A.B.1662, THE KNOX-NISBET ACT ON JULY 17, 1963, CREATING THE
22 LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSIONS, OR L.A.F.C.O.S, IN ALL 58
23 COUNTIES IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. THE KNOX-NISBET ACT WAS
24 EVENTUALLY SUCCEEDED BY THE CORTESE-KNOX-HERTZBERG LOCAL
25 GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION ACT OF 2000 THAT EMBODIES THE



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1 ESSENTIAL PRINCIPLES BEHIND L.A.F.C.O. OPERATIONS SUCH AS
2 INDEPENDENT COMMISSIONS COMPRISING COUNTY, CITY, AND PUBLIC
3 MEMBERS, UNIFORM CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES, AND PROTECTING THE
4 RIGHT OF LAND OWNERS AND REGISTERED VOTERS TO PROTEST
5 L.A.F.C.O. DECISIONS. THE STATE LEGISLATURE HAS EMPOWERED
6 L.A.F.C.O.S WITH REGULATORY AUTHORITY OVER LOCAL AGENCY
7 BOUNDARY CHANGES AS WELL AS THE AUTHORITY TO INITIATE
8 PROPOSALS TO CONSOLIDATE, DISSOLVE OR MERGE SPECIAL DISTRICTS.
9 IT HAS REQUIRED L.A.F.C.O.S TO ESTABLISH SPHERES OF INFLUENCE
10 FOR CITIES AND SPECIAL DISTRICTS WITHIN RESPECTIVE COUNTIES
11 AND TO PREPARE THE MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEWS. A DECADE AGO,
12 LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S L.A.F.C.O. FACED THE GREATEST CHALLENGE
13 WHEN IT WAS CHARGED WITH EVALUATING A PROPOSAL FROM THE SAN
14 FERNANDO VALLEY TO SECEDE WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
15 PERFORMING WITH DILIGENCE, CARE, AND IMPARTIALITY, IT WON
16 PLAUDITS FROM PROPONENTS AND OPPONENTS ALIKE, YIELDING AN
17 OVERWHELMING VOTE BY THE ELECTORATE IN NOVEMBER 2002 TO REJECT
18 SECESSION. I'M NOT SURE HOW OVERWHELMING THAT VOTE WAS. SO THE
19 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TODAY TO
20 RECOGNIZE L.A.F.C.O. AND DECLARE THAT JULY 17, 2013, BE
21 RECOGNIZED AS L.A.F.C.O. DAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS
22 ANGELES AND THAT ALL RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO REFLECT WITH
23 PRIDE AND GRATITUDE ON L.A.F.C.O.'S CONTRIBUTIONS IN PROMOTING
24 ORDERLY GROWTH, DISCOURAGING URBAN SPRAWL, PRESERVING OPEN
25 SPACE AND PROTECTING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY.



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1 I'VE SERVED ON L.A.F.C.O., SUPERVISOR MOLINA IS ALSO A MEMBER
2 OF L.A.F.C.O. FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND I'VE SERVED
3 ON IT 12 YEARS NOW, I THINK, SOMETHING LIKE THAT, OR MORE. AND
4 I'VE GOTTEN TO KNOW THE MEMBERS FROM FAR AND WIDE. AND, JERRY,
5 YOU'RE ONE OF THEM. YOU'VE DONE A GOOD JOB AS CHAIRMAN OF THE
6 L.A.F.C.O. BOARD. YOU COME TO YOUR WORK WITH DILIGENCE AND
7 INTELLIGENCE AND A LOT OF PATIENCE. AND WE APPRECIATE THAT,
8 ALL OF US WHO SERVE WITH YOU, VERY MUCH. SO THIS IS THE 50TH
9 ANNIVERSARY, I GUESS, OF L.A.F.C.O.S, THAT'S THE NEXUS HERE
10 BETWEEN DRAGGING YOU OUT OF SANTA CLARITA AND TO CELEBRATE THE
11 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF L.A.F.C.O.S. AND L.A.F.C.O.S DO PLAY A
12 VERY KEY ROLE. WHEN THEY DO HAVE TO PLAY A ROLE, IT'S A VERY
13 KEY ROLE IN ANNEXATIONS, BOUNDARY CHANGES BETWEEN CITIES AND
14 THINGS OF THAT SORT, WHICH FOR MOST OF THE PEOPLE DON'T MEAN A
15 HECK OF A LOT, BUT TO THE PEOPLE WHO ARE INVOLVED MEAN AN
16 AWFUL LOT. SO, JERRY, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
17 ALL OF US OF WHOM HAVE SIGNED THIS, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
18 YOUR SERVICE AND FOR WHAT YOU DO AT L.A.F.C.O. AND WHAT
19 L.A.F.C.O. DOES FOR THE COUNTY.

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21 **JERRY GLADBACH:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] AND ON BEHALF OF THE
22 COMMISSION, I WANTED TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF L.A.
23 COUNTY FOR CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF L.A.F.C.O.
24 EXCUSE ME. AND I WOULD LIKE TO PARTICULARLY THANK SUPERVISOR
25 YAROSLAVSKY FOR BRINGING THIS TO THE AGENDA OF THE COUNTY



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1 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THE COMMISSION REALLY APPRECIATES THE
2 WORK THAT NOT ONLY YOU BUT ALSO SUPERVISORS MOLINA AND KNABE
3 DO ON THE COMMISSION. THEY DO AN EXCELLENT JOB. YOU DO AN
4 EXCELLENT JOB OF REPRESENTING THE COUNTY'S INTERESTS. THE
5 ORIGINAL L.A.F.C.O. LEGISLATION, AS YOU POINTED OUT, THE
6 PURPOSE WAS TO ENCOURAGE ORDERLY GROWTH, PROMOTE LOGICAL
7 FORMATION AND DETERMINATION OF LOCAL AGENCY BOUNDARIES,
8 DISCOURAGE URBAN SPRAWL, PRESERVE OPEN SPACE AND PRIME
9 AGRICULTURAL LANDS. THOSE CHALLENGES THAT WERE THERE 50 YEARS
10 AGO ARE STILL WITH US TODAY. L.A.F.C.O. IS PROUD OF THE WORK
11 THAT WE DO WITH 91 SPECIAL DISTRICTS, 88 COUNTIES IN THE
12 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND ESPECIALLY WE APPRECIATE THE WORK
13 OF A VALUED RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
14 SUPERVISORS IN PROMOTING THIS AGENDA. AGAIN, ON BEHALF OF THE
15 COMMISSION, I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS
16 COMMENDATION AND APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS IN THE CELEBRATION.
17 WE'D ALSO LIKE TO INTRODUCE -- YOU'VE INTRODUCED PAUL NOVAK.
18 I'D ALSO LIKE TO INTRODUCE JUNE SAVALA, AMBER DE LA TORRE AND
19 DOUG DORADO, WHO ARE STAFF MEMBERS OF L.A.F.C.O.. WITH THAT, I
20 APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, JERRY. AND I WANT TO THANK PAUL,
23 WHO'S RELATIVELY NEW TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S POST, BUT WE
24 ALL KNOW HIM HERE AS THE PLANNING DEPUTY FOR SUPERVISOR
25 ANTONOVICH. AND, PAUL, YOU'VE DONE A GREAT JOB SINCE TAKING



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1 OVER AT L.A.F.C.O. IN JUNE. AND THE REST OF THE TEAM, YOU ALL
2 MAKE IT WORK VERY NICELY AND WE APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH, THOSE
3 OF US WHO WORK WITH YOU, I'M SURE THE OTHERS WHO RELY ON YOU,
4 AS WELL. SO THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
7 YAROSLAVSKY. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, PLEASE?

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TODAY WE ARE NOW DECLARING JULY AS THE
10 NATIONAL PARKS AND RECREATIONAL MONTH IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
11 ANGELES. EVIDENCE SHOWS THAT WHEN PEOPLE HAVE ACCESS TO PARKS
12 AND EXERCISE REGULARLY, THAT WILL REDUCE THEIR RISK OF
13 DISEASES SUCH AS HEART DISEASE, HYPERTENSION, COLON CANCER AND
14 DIABETES. BEYOND THE BENEFITS OF EXERCISE, A GROWING BODY OF
15 RESEARCH SHOWS THAT CONTACT WITH THE NATURAL WORLD IMPROVES
16 PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH. SO IN OUR COUNTY, WE'RE
17 VERY PLEASED TO HAVE ABLE TO HAVE GREAT LEADERSHIP IN WATCHING
18 OVER AND PROVIDING TO OUR 10 MILLION PLUS NEIGHBORS AND
19 CITIZENS OVER 174 PARKS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, INCLUDING
20 NATURE CENTERS, WILDLIFE SANCTUARIES, COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL
21 PARKS, HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF MILES OF RECREATIONAL TRAILS
22 FOR EQUESTRIANS, HIKERS AND BIKERS. AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
23 PARKS AND RECREATIONS OFFERS MANY, MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO
24 ENRICH THE QUALITY OF LIFE BECAUSE WE HAVE MANY GREAT PROGRAMS
25 FOR OUR CHILDREN, BOTH PRESCHOOL AND IN SCHOOL, GOOD



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1 CHARACTER-BUILDING PROGRAMS, RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES THAT
2 WILL HELP MAKE THEM A BETTER STUDENT. SO, RUSS, WE WANT TO
3 GIVE YOU THIS PROCLAMATION ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY AND
4 CONGRATULATIONS IN THE MONTH OF JULY AS PARKS AND RECREATIONAL
5 MONTH.

6

7 **RUSS GUINEY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR. PARKS AND
8 RECREATION MONTH IS A TIME TO CELEBRATE, AND THIS BOARD SHOULD
9 BE CONGRATULATED. DURING THE WORST OF ECONOMIC TIMES, WE
10 CONTINUED TO ADD NEW PARKS AND NEW FACILITIES, INCLUDING
11 RENOVATED AND NEW SWIMMING POOLS, NEW GYMNASIUMS, MORE HIKING
12 TRAILS AND EXPANDED AND NEW NATURE CENTERS. WE KNOW THAT THESE
13 FACILITIES MAKE LIFE BETTER FOR THE COMMUNITIES THAT WE SERVE.
14 AND WE ALSO KNOW THAT OUR AWARD-WINNING PROGRAMS LIKE PARKS
15 AFTER DARK AND PARENTING CLASSES ACTUALLY CHANGE PEOPLE'S
16 LIVES. WE NEED TO BUILD ON THESE CHANGES WITH AN EXPANDED
17 VISION FOR THE IMPACT PARKS AND RECREATION CAN HAVE.
18 STATISTICAL DATA SHOWS THAT A REDUCTION IN CRIME OCCURS IN
19 COMMUNITIES WHERE PARK HOURS ARE EXPANDED. AND WHERE PARENTS
20 GET SUPPORT RAISING CHILDREN, WE SEE CHILDREN WHOSE LIVES ARE
21 MORE POSITIVE AND PRODUCTIVE. THE COUNTY'S FACED WITH HUGE
22 CHALLENGES RIGHT NOW IN DEALING WITH EXPANDED PRISON
23 POPULATIONS, OBESITY AND OTHER CHRONIC HEALTH PROBLEMS, AND
24 PROTECTING AND NURTURING CHILDREN. WHAT IF WE FOCUSED MORE ON
25 THE LOW COST PROGRAMS THAT GET RESULTS ON THE FRONT END? WHAT



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1 IF THIS BOARD WERE ASKING US TO BUILD MORE PARKS AND EXPAND
2 THESE LOW COST PROGRAMS AND TO GET YOUNG PEOPLE OFF THE
3 STREETS AND IN POSITIVE ACTIVITIES? PARKS AND RECREATION IS A
4 POSITIVE PART OF THE SOLUTION TO THE CHALLENGES THAT FACE OUR
5 COUNTY. AND WE STAND READY TO BE A BIGGER PART OF THAT
6 SOLUTION BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER. AND I DO
7 WANT TO RECOGNIZE SOME OF OUR FUTURE LEADERS WHO ARE WITH US
8 TODAY. OUR ECO RANGERS, ALONG WITH JOE MATTHEWS AND HIS TEAM.
9 THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS.

10 [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE SOME INDIVIDUALS
13 WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CONTROL WHO
14 DID A VERY WONDERFUL RESPONSE TO A TRAGIC DEATH THAT OCCURRED
15 IN OUR COUNTY IN MAY. TODAY WE ARE RECOGNIZING THE DEPARTMENT
16 FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THAT FATAL DOG
17 MAULING OF 63-YEAR-OLD PAMELA MARIE DEVITT BY FOUR PIT BULLS
18 IN LITTLE ROCK. THAT WAS MAY 9. OFF DUTY CONTROL OFFICERS
19 ASSISTED WITH LOCATING AND CAPTURING THE PIT BULLS RESPONSIBLE
20 FOR THAT DEATH. WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE SHERIFF'S
21 DEPARTMENT, A SEARCH WARRANT WAS SERVED AND ALL FOUR DOGS WERE
22 LOCATED AND IMPOUNDED THAT SAME DAY AND D.N.A. TESTING LINKED
23 THEM TO THE CRIME. AND THE CASE RIGHT NOW IS IN THE COURTS,
24 AND MANY ARE LOOKING FOR JUSTICE TO BE SERVED IN THAT. THE
25 COORDINATION AND TEAMWORK DISPLAYED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF



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1 ANIMAL CONTROL, CARE AND CONTROL, IS A TEAM EFFORT AND A
2 REFLECTION OF THE QUALITY OF THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE
3 COMMITTED TO OUR COMMUNITY. SO WE ARE GOING TO GIVE SOME
4 PROCLAMATIONS TO THE INDIVIDUALS FIRST. ALFONSO REAL. RACHEL
5 MONTEZ KEMP. RICARDO ROMOS CARSON. MARCIA MAYEDA, OUR
6 DIRECTOR.

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8 **MARCIA MAYEDA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. IT'S AN HONOR TO BE
9 RECOGNIZED TODAY FOR THE WORK OUR STAFF DID ON THIS VERY
10 DEVASTATING SITUATION. AND I WOULD LIKE TO ALSO RECOGNIZE A
11 NUMBER OF OTHER STAFF AND OFFICERS THAT WERE INVOLVED IN THIS.
12 THEY ARE SITTING IN THE AUDIENCE. IF YOU COULD PLEASE RISE,
13 EVERYBODY, AND BE RECOGNIZED. [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU. THIS WAS
14 A VERY SERIOUS AND IMPORTANT CASE TO US AND OUR DEPARTMENT
15 DEPLOYED EVERYBODY POSSIBLE ON A MOMENT'S NOTICE TO GET UP
16 THERE. AND THESE OFFICERS AND THE ONES BEHIND ME DID NOT END
17 UNTIL THESE DOGS WERE SAFELY IN OUR CUSTODY. IT'S VERY, VERY
18 IMPORTANT THAT WE PROTECT OUR PUBLIC SAFETY AND THEY DID AN
19 OUTSTANDING JOB AND WE APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
20 RECOGNIZING THEIR EFFORTS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE LITTLE JACQUES WHO IS EIGHT WEEKS
23 OLD. HE'S A PAPILLON MIX. AND LITTLE JACQUES IS LOOKING FOR A
24 HOME. HE'S SMILING AT THE PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE AND THEY'RE



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1 SMILING BACK. SO IF ANYBODY WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT THIS LITTLE
2 BOY, YOU CAN CALL 562-256-1364. ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE?

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE'RE GOING TO MOVE
5 TO THOSE WHO WISH TO BE HEARD BY WAY OF THE -- I MEAN ON THE
6 CONSENT ITEMS. THEY ARE PATRICIA MULCAHEY, GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL,
7 LORI MARTIN, ERIC PREVEN AND ARNOLD SACHS. IF YOU WOULD COME
8 AT THIS TIME, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT. THEN WE'RE GOING TO HEAR
9 FROM ROSY BALDERES AND ANGELA LUSSIER. GOOD MORNING, MR.
10 PREVEN, THE FLOOR IS YOURS, YOU MAY BEGIN.

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12 **ERIC PREVEN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, IT'S ERIC PREVEN, THE
13 COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3. FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS, THAT
14 WAS A VERY NICE PRESENTATION. I JUST WANT TO MAKE A BRIEF
15 COMMENT. ONE, I THINK IT SAYS A LOT THAT THE GUY FROM MEXICO
16 CAME FROM NEW YORK TO L.A. THAT'S AN UPGRADE. AND I THINK WE
17 CAN ALL CAN JOIN TOGETHER AS LOS ANGELINOS THERE. NUMBER TWO,
18 THE L.A.F.C.O. PRESENTATION WAS INTERESTING. I THINK MR. NOVAK
19 DIDN'T START IN JUNE. HE STARTED IN 2011 OF JANUARY IF I'M NOT
20 MISTAKEN. THAT'S THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THAT GROUP,
21 SUPERVISOR, JUST TO GET THAT CORRECT. AND FINALLY THE ANIMAL
22 CONTROL PRESENTATION WAS VERY TOUCHING, CERTAINLY FOR ME,
23 BECAUSE LIEUTENANT REAL WAS THERE AND SOME OF THE ORIGINAL
24 CUSTOMERS. THIS IS A TRAGEDY WHEN SOMEONE IS ATTACKED BY A
25 DOG, BUT THERE WERE NINE OR TEN PEOPLE HERE TO BE HONORED.



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1 THEY WERE NOT IN DESPERATE NEED OF OBVIOUSLY STAFF. AND YET
2 THE SUPERVISOR FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT IS CALLING FOR A
3 ROLLOUT AND EXPANSION OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL NETWORK THAT JUST
4 SEEMS TO BE RELATED TO LOBBYING FOR MR. ARNIE BERGHOFF. I
5 DON'T KNOW. YOU KNOW, CISCO MADE THE REPORT. SEEMS VERY ODD TO
6 ME. ITEM NUMBER FOUR WAS AN HONOR FOR THE PARKS AND REC GROUP.
7 AND I LOVE PARKS AND RECREATION. I'M INVOLVED IN MY LOCAL ONE.
8 I THINK IT'S GREAT. I'M IRKED BY THE PUBLICATION IN THE LAST
9 WEEK BY AN AUDITOR-CONTROLLER REPORT THAT SHOWS THAT THE GOLF
10 LESSEES, AMERICAN GOLF CORPORATION I KNOW FOR A FACT, DON'T
11 PROVIDE THEIR PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENTS AND YET EVEN IN THE
12 LAST YEAR AND A HALF, WE GAVE AWAY, WITHOUT AN R.F.P.,
13 CONTRACTS TO MANAGE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF REVENUE-
14 GENERATING GOLF COURSES. SO THIS IS A SUBSTANTIAL PROBLEM AND
15 AS MR. YAROSLAVSKY WILL RECALL, DURING THE BUDGET MEETING WE
16 DID PUT A PIN IN THE \$1 MILLION UPGRADE FOR PARKS AND REC THAT
17 WE APPROVED. BUT WE APPROVED IT FOR ONE YEAR INSTEAD OF
18 ONGOING AS A LIGHT GESTURE TO PROBLEMS THERE. PARKS AND REC,
19 YOU KNOW, IS A GOOD OUTFIT, BUT AMERICAN GOLF CORPORATION IS
20 DEEP INTO THAT OPERATION, AND WE NEED THE SUPERVISOR FROM THE
21 SECOND DISTRICT TO PAY ATTENTION WHEN THE RESIDENTS ARE
22 ADDRESSING THE BOARD, THAT'S IMPORTANT. THANK YOU. AND I ONLY
23 ADDRESS THE CHAIR ON THAT. ITEM NO. 5 IS --
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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. IS YOUR TIME
2 EXPIRED?

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4 **ERIC PREVEN:** NO. ITEM NO. 5, SUPERVISOR KNABE IS VOTING NO.
5 AND WE'RE NOT CLEAR WHY HE WOULD VOTE NO ON LOCAL-HIRE POLICY.
6 THAT SEEMS LIKE SOMETHING THAT'S IN OUR COUNTY INTEREST.
7 SUPERVISOR KNABE, IF HE'S HERE, WHICH I DON'T THINK HE IS,
8 COULD ADDRESS THAT, IT WOULD BE GREAT FOR THE PUBLIC. ITEM NO.
9 10, MR. FUJIOKA AND HIS REAL ESTATE TEAM, 5811 L.L.C. IS A
10 GROUP THAT PROVIDES PROBATION FACILITIES. I THINK IT'S IN
11 EXCESS OF 20,000 SQUARE FEET OF PROBATION FACILITIES AT THAT
12 ADDRESS. I'M NOT SURE. I WOULD LOVE IT. I ASK NICELY TO A
13 C.E.O. REAL ESTATE PERSON IF THEY COULD CLARIFY BECAUSE WE
14 HAVE THREE SEPARATE CONTRACTS WITH THAT GROUP. IT WOULD BE
15 GOOD. THESE ARE A.B.109 DOLLARS. WE WANT TO STAFF UP THESE
16 PLACES IF WE CAN. BUT WE JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE
17 GETTING THEM AT A FAIR PRICE. AND I READ THEY WERE OVER THE
18 LOCAL RENTAL RATE FOR THAT AREA. ITEM NO. 11, RUTH WONG IS
19 EXCELLENT. MOZEL TOV. ITEM NO. 20, 21 IS ACTUALLY PUBLIC
20 WORKS, WHICH LAST WEEK I ASKED ABOUT ITEM 27 AND I MUST INSIST
21 WE LOOK CLOSELY AT ITEM 27 FROM LAST WEEK TO SEE WAS THAT A
22 SETTLEMENT OR WAS IT A CHANGE ORDER? BECAUSE IF WE CALL IT A
23 CHANGE ORDER AND IT'S A SETTLEMENT, IT'S MISLEADING TO THE
24 PUBLIC. THANK YOU SIR.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** INDEED. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT
2 SPEAKER PLEASE. MA'AM.

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4 **LORI MARTIN:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS LORI MARTIN, I RESIDE IN
5 RIVERSIDE COUNTY. I'M HERE ADDRESSING THE BLUE RIBBON
6 COMMISSION CHOICES THAT THIS BOARD HAS MADE. AND I'M QUITE
7 CONCERNED, ACTUALLY, WITH MARILYN FLYNN. MR. BROWNING WAS JUST
8 AT U.S.C. SPEAKING FOR A PAID R.S.V.P. ORGANIZED MEETING TO
9 SPEAK ON SOCIAL SERVICES AND MADE THIS LADY MONEY RECENTLY.
10 THEREFORE I DON'T FIND MARILYN FLYNN AN ETHICAL PICK FOR THE
11 BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION NOR THE OTHERS THAT HAVE A PLUS BY
12 THEIR NAME, WHICH MEANS THEY'RE ALREADY INVOLVED IN THIS
13 SITUATION. I THOUGHT WE WERE LOOKING FOR A FRESH SET OF EYES
14 TO LOOK AT WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THIS DEPARTMENT, NOT TAKING A
15 STEP OR TWO BACK. WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? I DON'T UNDERSTAND. I
16 DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY JUDGE NASH WAS PICKED. I'VE HAD A LOT OF
17 FLAK ABOUT HIM IN UNETHICAL THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN DONE IN
18 DEPENDENCY COURT BY OTHER PARTICIPANTS. I DO DO PUBLIC
19 OUTREACH AS YOU FIND OUT THROUGH THE PEOPLE THAT SHOW UP WITH
20 ME. I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND WHERE IT IS THAT THIS COUNTY IS
21 GOING, OTHER THAN BACKWARDS. IT'S NOT MOVING FORWARD. ALL IT
22 IS IS ACTIVITY, NOT AN ACTUAL GOAL. THIS IS NOT SOMETHING, MR.
23 YAROSLAVSKY, THAT'S JUST GOING TO BLOW OVER. OBVIOUSLY IF I'M
24 WILLING TO TRAVEL FROM RIVERSIDE COUNTY TO L.A. COUNTY, IT'S
25 BECAUSE I AM CONCERNED AS A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC THAT LOTS OF



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1 CHILDREN THAT DON'T NEED TO BE REMOVED FROM THEIR HOMES ARE
2 BEING REMOVED. LOTS OF CHILDREN THAT NEED SOME OVERSIGHT BY
3 D.C.F.S. ARE BEING IGNORED. MR. GREEN SAID THAT THERE WEREN'T
4 ANY RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE PUBLIC? THIS IS FALSE. I SENT YOU
5 ALL A RECOMMENDATION OF FIVE SIMPLE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WOULD
6 GET THROUGH TO THE HEART OF ACTUAL ABUSE OF CHILDREN. THE
7 ANONYMOUS REPORTING NEEDS TO BE DONE AWAY WITH. AS I'VE
8 EXPRESSED BEFORE, IT'S REDUCED THE FALSE CALLS BY 70 PERCENT
9 FOR OTHER STATES. THEN TO SIT HERE AND HAVE LAST WEEK THESE
10 SOCIAL WORKERS TRYING TO GET 1400 MORE UNIONIZED WORKERS? SO
11 YOU WANT 1400 MORE UNIONIZED WORKERS BEHAVING BADLY BECAUSE
12 THE UNION REP IS GOING TO PROTECT THEM WHEN THEY'RE IN
13 TROUBLE? THAT IS A COMPLETE BACKWARDS COMPARED TO WHAT NEEDS
14 TO GO FORWARD. I REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY IT IS THESE
15 CHOICES ARE JUST NOT BEING THOUGHT THROUGH. PLEASE RECONSIDER
16 SOME OF THE CHOICES ON THIS BOARD. PICK SOMEBODY WHO IS
17 ACTUALLY OUTSIDE OR HAS NO RELATIONSHIP WITH MR. BROWNING. MR.
18 BROWNING'S MADE U.S.C. MONEY. I DON'T THINK IT'S A VERY
19 ETHICAL CHOICE. DAVE SANDERS, GREAT, FAMILY PRESERVATION. THE
20 OTHER ONES I NEED TO RESEARCH FURTHER, THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
23 MA'AM?

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1 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
2 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON ITEM NO. 6, I REALLY LIKE THE
3 SELECTION OF DR. SANDERS. I THINK HE HAS BEEN VERY EFFECTIVE.
4 MANY TIMES I HAVE GONE TO MEETINGS WITH HIM, ESPECIALLY IN THE
5 BLACK COMMUNITY, AND I WAS VERY IMPRESSED IN HIS WORK. SO I AM
6 VERY MUCH IN HIS FAVOR. I JUST WISH HE HAD STAYED HERE. BUT HE
7 WAS SMART. HE WANTED TO DO BIGGER THINGS. ONE THING I AM
8 CONCERNED ABOUT IS THAT THE SOCIAL WORKERS REPEATEDLY HAVE
9 COME HERE ALWAYS STATING THAT THEY ARE MEMBERS OF S.E.I.U. AND
10 SO ON. I FEEL THAT IF AS INDIVIDUALS THEY ARE UNABLE TO FIGHT
11 FOR THEIR RIGHTS AND MUST HAVE A UNION TO REPRESENT THEM, HOW
12 COULD THEY FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT OF THE CHILDREN? AND THAT FOR
13 ME, THAT'S A VERY BIG ISSUE. AND THAT'S AN ISSUE I'VE BROUGHT
14 BEFORE. SO I THINK THAT MAYBE THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION WILL
15 REALLY LOOK AT IN DETAIL. ON ITEM NO. 9, ABOUT THE LEASE FOR
16 THE PUBLIC HEALTH, YOU KNOW, I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO FIND
17 FOREVER IF THE BOARD HAVE FINALLY SELECTED A LEASE AGREEMENT
18 FOR M.L.K. CORPORATION. AND WHAT THAT MEANS THE MOST IS ALL
19 THE LISTS WE HAVE HAD IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS HAVE ALL BEEN
20 DONE IN OPEN SESSION. THE ONLY ONE WHICH HAVE BEEN DONE UNDER
21 CLOSED SESSION IS M.L.K. CORPORATION. I STILL WANT THAT
22 INFORMATION. AND I JUST RECEIVED A LETTER FROM MR. MICHAEL
23 WILSON TELLING ME THAT IF A REQUEST DOES NOT REMAIN PENDING
24 SIMPLY BECAUSE AT THE TIME OF THE RESPONSE, RESPONSIVE
25 DOCUMENTS DO NOT EXIST. THAT'S A GOOD WAY NOT TO NEVER FEEL



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1 ANY OF THE P.R.A. BUT YOU KNOW ME, I ASKED FOR ANOTHER P.R.A.
2 AND YOU KNOW, THEY ASKED ME IN AGAIN FOR A 14-DAY DELAY. I AM
3 GIVING THAT TO THAT. I STILL KNOW I WON'T HAVE THAT
4 INFORMATION, BUT THIS TIME MAYBE WE CAN GET THE MEDIA OR THE
5 FIRST AMENDMENT OR ANYBODY WHO DEALT WITH FREEDOM OF
6 INFORMATION ACT WILL COME ON BOARD AND SUE THE LIVING DAY OUT
7 OF YOU BECAUSE WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE THAT. I HAVE THE
8 RIGHT TO KNOW WHO RECEIVED 84,000 A YEAR FOR A LEASE FOR
9 M.L.K. CORPORATION. WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO FIND OUT TO WHOM THEY
10 ARE PAYING THE UTILITIES OF 12,000 A YEAR. WE HAVE THE RIGHT
11 TO KNOW AT WHICH LOCATION. AND, YOU KNOW, THAT'S TOTALLY
12 INAPPROPRIATE. WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON. SO I WILL WAIT
13 40 MORE DAYS UNTIL JULY 26. AFTER THAT, I THINK I WILL FIGHT A
14 LITTLE MORE. HAVE A GOOD DAY. 'BYE.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
17 TESTIMONY AND WE WILL GO TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. AT THIS TIME I
18 WANT TO CALL --

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20 **PATRICIA MULCAHEY:** --

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** HOLD ON FOR A MOMENT. I WANT TO
23 CALL JESSE "JAY" MORALES, IF THAT INDIVIDUAL WILL COME. PLEASE
24 PROCEED.

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1 **PATRICIA MULCAHEY:** THIS GOING AGAINST BROWN ACT, NUMBER 1.
2 THIS IS LOTS OF CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. I AM ASKING FOR A
3 FEDERAL INVESTIGATION IN REGARDS TO QUEENS OF ANGELS HOSPITAL,
4 OKAY. HOW MANY CHILDREN WERE STOLEN? AND HOW MANY PEOPLE WERE
5 TARGETED IN REGARDS TO THE LOWER INCOME FOLKS? I'M TALKING
6 ABOUT AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND HISPANICS. AND HOW MANY CHILDREN
7 WERE DEPORTED AND STOLEN?

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM. I NEED YOU TO --

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11 **PATRICIA MULCAHEY:** OKAY, NO. THIS IS PERJURY. YOU'RE STILL
12 GOING AGAINST THE BROWN ACT. THIS IS LOTS OF CIVIL RIGHTS
13 VIOLATIONS IN REGARDS TO THE FEMALES BEING STERILIZED IN JAIL.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I WANT YOU TO HOLD JUST FOR A
16 SECOND.

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18 **PATRICIA MULCAHEY:** NO. I WILL NOT. I'M STILL ANSWERING THE
19 ARMS LETTERS. I WANT YOU TO SPEAK TO THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

20

21 **PATRICIA MULCAHEY:** I AM STILL ASKING FOR THE -- ON THE ARMS
22 LETTER.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MISS MULCAHEY. ONE. TWO. THREE.
25 I'M ASKING YOU TO ADDRESS THE ITEM. ALL RIGHT? THANK YOU VERY



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1 MUCH WE APPRECIATE YOUR TESTIMONY. ALL RIGHTY. THANK YOU VERY
2 MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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4 **ANGELA LUSSIER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS ANGELA LUSSIER. THANK YOU
5 FOR YOUR ATTENTION. I AM HERE TO DISCUSS ITEM 1 AND THE BLUE
6 RIBBON COMMISSION THAT MR. ANTONOVICH HAS PUT FORTH. WE WERE
7 WARNED BY TIM DONNELLY THAT A BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION CAN
8 SOMETIMES JUST MEAN COVER UP. AND I DON'T WANT TO BELIEVE
9 THAT. I REALLY WANT TO BELIEVE THAT THERE'S GOOD PEOPLE HERE
10 THAT REALLY CARE ABOUT THE KIDS, I REALLY DO. I'M ASKING TO
11 AGAIN, RECONSIDER SOME OF THESE CHOICES. I BELIEVE THAT A LOT
12 OF THEM ARE INSIDERS. AND WE NEED MORE REAL CITIZENS. I HAVE
13 NEVER HAD A CASE. I WAS HERE LAST WEEK AND I OFFERED UP MY
14 SERVICES AND I WAS GIVEN A CARD, THANK YOU. I'VE NEVER HAD A
15 CASE WITH D.C.F.S. I'VE BEEN A THERAPEUTIC FOSTER PARENT. I'VE
16 BEEN A REGULAR FOSTER PARENT. BUT I HAVE HAD A CHILD TAKEN
17 FROM ME BECAUSE I'M A GRANDPARENT WHO WAS CONSIDERED MERELY A
18 PLACEMENT. THE SOCIAL WORKERS DON'T HAVE ANY RESPECT FOR BEING
19 A GRANDPARENT. IT'S JUST ANOTHER PLACEMENT. AND THEY HAD TO
20 MAKE THEIR MONEY. AND WHEN WE TALK ABOUT NEEDING MORE SOCIAL
21 WORKERS, I HAD TWO SOCIAL WORKERS COME TO BRING MY GRAND BABY
22 TO THE FOSTER CARE WHO THE JUDGE THEN ORDERED BACK INTO MY
23 CARE. THAT WAS BASED ON REFERRALS THAT WERE MADE BECAUSE MY
24 OLDER GRANDDAUGHTER HAD BEEN HOSPITALIZED FOUR TIMES AT
25 RESNICK BECAUSE SHE WAS MISDIAGNOSED WITH BIPOLAR DISORDER



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1 WHEN SHE ACTUALLY IS ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM AND HAS SEVERE
2 A.D.H.D. I ADVOCATED FOR HER. I GOT THE CORRECT DIAGNOSIS FOR
3 HER. AND SHE'S HERE TODAY. AND YOU'LL BE HEARING FROM HER
4 LATER. AND I THINK -- THEY WERE TELLING ME IN THE HOSPITAL,
5 "OH, YOU'RE A GRANDMOTHER, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE TO DEAL WITH
6 THIS. SHE BELONGS IN RESIDENTIAL. DON'T WORRY. YOU'LL BE PART
7 OF HER LIFE FOR A LONG TIME." AND I JUST SAID, "NO THANK YOU."
8 AND WENT FURTHER WITH HER DIAGNOSIS AND WE GOT THE RIGHT ONE.
9 AND NOW SHE'S ON TRACK FOR THE GIFTED PROGRAM NEXT YEAR. THIS
10 IS A VERY SPECIAL CHILD THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN LOST IN THE
11 SYSTEM. WHEN HER SISTER WAS BORN, THAT SAME YEAR SHE WAS
12 SCAPEGOATED AND I WAS AGAIN LOOKED AT AS JUST A PLACEMENT.
13 THEY TOOK THIS BEAUTIFUL BABY, AND I'M JUST HERE TO SHOW YOU
14 THIS PICTURE. THESE ARE THE SISTERS. PLEASE LOOK AT THIS
15 PICTURE. THESE ARE THE SISTERS. THEY LOVED EACH OTHER. SHE WAS
16 ONLY SIX MONTHS WHEN THEY TOOK HER FROM US. SHE WAS TERRIBLY
17 TRAUMATIZED. SHE WAS NEVER SICK A DAY WITH ME. BUT SHE BECAME
18 CHRONICALLY ILL AS SOON AS SHE WAS REMOVED. SHE REMAINS
19 CHRONICALLY ILL TO THIS DAY. I'M ASKING THAT IF YOU CAN'T USE
20 MY SERVICES FOR THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION THAT YOU WILL
21 PLEASE LOOK INTO OUR CASE BECAUSE THIS IS ONE OF THOSE CASES
22 WHERE WE DID NOT NEED SOCIAL WORKERS. WE DID NOT ASK FOR
23 SOCIAL WORKERS. I HAD NO CASES, ANY REFERRALS WERE
24 UNSUBSTANTIATED. I WAS TOLD BY PASADENA THAT I WAS A GREAT
25 GRANDMOTHER, JUST KEEP DOING WHAT YOU'RE DOING. AND I TURNED



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1 AROUND AND I HAD MY TWO-WEEK OLD GRAND BABY WITH ME, THEY
2 ASKED ME WHAT ABOUT THE BABY? I EXPLAINED TO THEM THAT I HAD
3 ALREADY STEPPED UP TO PROTECT HER, THAT SHE WAS NOT IN THE
4 CARE OF HER PARENTS. YET THEY REFERRED IT TO CHATSWORTH AND
5 CHATSWORTH DEBORAH MANOR TOOK HER, ANYWAY.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
8 ONCE THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION IS CONVENED, YOU CAN BE
9 ASSURED THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT IN THIS
10 CONTEXT. ANY SUCH DOCUMENTS THAT YOU MAY WISH TO SUBMIT, YOU
11 ARE FREE TO DO SO. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY HERE TODAY.
12 THANK YOU. MA'AM?

13

14 **ROSIE BALDERAS:** HI, GOOD MORNING. I AM HERE REPRESENTING
15 GABRIEL'S FIGHT AND ALSO IN MEMORY OF GABRIEL FERNANDEZ. I'M
16 ALSO OPPOSING TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS. IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S
17 PEOPLE THAT ARE ALREADY, YOU KNOW, WORKING IN I GUESS THE
18 CHILDREN'S SERVICES DEPARTMENT. AND WE DO NEED FRESH FACES.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** TELL US YOUR NAME AGAIN.

21

22 **ROSIE BALDERAS:** IT'S ROSIE BALDERAS.

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

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1 **ROSIE BALDERAS:** YEAH, FROM HUNTINGTON PARK. I SAID I WOULD BE
2 HERE EVERY TUESDAY. I DON'T HAVE A CASE. I HAVE ALL OF MY FIVE
3 CHILDREN, THANK GOD, AT HOME. BUT, YOU KNOW, I'M JUST OUT HERE
4 VOICING FOR ALL THE KIDS AND ALL THE PARENTS THAT GET THEIR
5 KIDS TAKEN AWAY FOR, I DON'T KNOW, IT SEEMS TO ME IT'S A VERY
6 CORRUPTED SYSTEM. I'VE READ A LOT ABOUT IT. AND IN THE LAST --
7 I KNOW THAT IN I THINK 2009, THERE WAS SOME OTHER KIND OF I'M
8 NOT SURE -- WHAT WAS IT CALLED? I'M NOT SURE IF IT WAS LIKE AN
9 AUDIT OR INVESTIGATION, I DON'T RECALL, BUT, I MEAN, IT SEEMS
10 TO ME LIKE IT HASN'T CHANGED IN YEARS, AT LEAST IN THE LAST 20
11 YEARS. AND I THINK A LOT -- YOU WOULD BENEFIT FROM MAYBE
12 KEEPING THE PEOPLE YOU'RE SUGGESTING BUT ALSO FRESH FACES,
13 FRESH PEOPLE THAT MIGHT HAVE LIKE MORE IDEAS ON HOW TO MAKE
14 THE SYSTEM BETTER. BECAUSE AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE CHILDREN
15 ARE THE ONES THAT END UP SUFFERING AND BROKEN FAMILIES. THAT'S
16 ALL.

17
18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I'M THANK YOU FOR YOUR
19 TESTIMONY. GOING TO ASK THE NEXT SPEAKERS TO COME FORWARD.
20 SIR? SIR?

21
22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** -- FOR THIS AGENDA, I HELD ITEM 1-D, FROM THE
23 HOUSING. I DON'T SEE ANY MENTION OF A 10 PERCENT
24 ADMINISTRATIVE FEE. YOU USED THAT SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE. SO I'M
25 WONDERING IF THAT'S AN OVERSIGHT. IN ITEM 5, YOUR JOBS PROGRAM



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1 IS 75-MILE AREA, THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE INCLUSIVE HERE. NOW, THOSE
2 ZIP CODES FOR QUALIFIED WORKERS WILL PROBABLY SKIP OVER AREAS
3 THAT CONTAIN UNEMPLOYMENT RATES THREE TIMES THE COUNTY'S
4 LEVEL. DO YOU THINK THAT'S FAIR? DO YOU THINK THAT'S THE WAY
5 TO GO? WHAT WOULD BE CONSIDERED THE THREE TIMES THE COUNTY
6 LEVEL? WHAT HAPPENS WHEN PROJECTS ARE BUDGETED UNDER \$5
7 MILLION AND THEN CHANGE ORDERS BRING THE PROJECT OVER TO \$5
8 MILLION? AND SPEAKING OF ALL THESE LOW INCOME WORKERS, SINCE
9 THEY ARE DOING RENOVATIONS AT L.A.X., AND I'M NOT 100 PERCENT
10 SURE THAT IT'S A WORK-RELATED, JOB-RELATED PROGRAM, BUT MAYBE
11 EVEN SOMEBODY WENT FROM THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND
12 GIVE THE PUBLIC A NUMBER ON THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT HAVE
13 BEEN EMPLOYED AT THE RENOVATION. 1.5 BILLION SO FAR IS WHAT
14 THEY SAY, ONE OF THE LARGEST PROJECTS IN THE COUNTY IN RECENT
15 HISTORY. I HELD ITEM NO. 12 BECAUSE IT'S A PROPERTY
16 IMPROVEMENT AND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IN LANCASTER OR
17 PALMDALE. AND WHO HAS THE OVERSIGHT? IN L.A., THEY JUST
18 DISBANDED A PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT BUSINESS DISTRICT. AND WHAT
19 NONPROFIT, THERE ISN'T A NONPROFIT LISTED AS RUNNING THIS. SO
20 I WAS JUST WONDERING WHO HAS THE OVERSIGHT. AND THEN I HELD
21 ITEM 3 AND 40-A. AN D 40-A REFERS TO A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER
22 YOU'RE SENDING TO WASHINGTON. SO SINCE YOU'RE SO GOOD AT
23 WRITING FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTERS, I WAS WONDERING IF YOU'RE
24 GOING TO SEND A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE HIGH-SPEED RAIL
25 AUTHORITY REGARDING THEIR CHOICE OF TUTOR-PERINI FOR BUILDING



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1 THE HIGH- SPEED RAIL. YOU KNOW, METRO HAD SOME RUN-INS WITH
2 TUTOR. AND HOW DID THAT TURN OUT? YOU KNOW THERE WAS A
3 LAWSUIT. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THE AT THAT LAWSUIT, IT MENTIONS
4 FROM AUGUST 25, 2005, IT MENTIONS THE LAWSUIT, ITEM 16-A,
5 L.A., TUTOR-SALIBA-PERINI VERSUS M.T.A., PENNIES ON THE
6 DOLLARS YOU SETTLED FOR. AND AT THAT SAME MEETING THERE IS
7 THERE'S ANOTHER LAWSUIT, SAYS ALVARADO VERSUS METRO BLUE LINE
8 CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY, WHICH REFERS TO ITEM NO. 3. YOU WANT
9 TO PROHIBIT NONGOVERNMENT ENTITIES FROM DISPLAYING SYMBOLISM
10 THAT COULD BE INTERPRETED AS BEING PROVIDED BY PUBLIC
11 AGENCIES. AND IN THAT SAME MEETING YOU HAVE AN AGENDA ITEM
12 WITH A LOS ANGELES TO PASADENA METRO BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION
13 AUTHORITY. WHO THE HELL ARE THEY? WELL THAT'S THE ONE YOU MADE
14 UP. IT'S AMAZING HOW THINGS GO CIRCULAR HERE.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
17 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. SIR? YES.

18

19 **JESSE "JAY" MORALES:** GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. AND
20 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, KNABE, MR. CHAIRMAN, RIDLEY-THOMAS,
21 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA. MY NAME IS JESSE
22 JAMES "JAY" MORALES. I AM THE ADJUTANT OF LOS ANGELES POST NO.
23 8, THE AMERICAN LEGION, CURRENTLY SERVING ALSO AS THE DISTRICT
24 SERVICE OFFICER FOR LOS ANGELES FOR THE 17TH DISTRICT HERE IN
25 LOS ANGELES PROPER DOWNTOWN. I AM HERE TO SPEAK ON ITEM NO.



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1 11, THE RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF RUTH A.
2 WONG FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
3 MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS. WE WOULD -- I, SPEAKING NOT
4 ONLY ON BEHALF OF MY POST AND THE AMERICAN LEGION LOS ANGELES
5 POST NO. 8, BUT ALSO WITH THE ENDORSEMENT AND THE SUPPORT AND
6 APPROVAL OF OUR PAST STATE COMMANDER, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
7 HUGH E. CROOKS, A MEMBER OF POST 8, IN APPROVING IN THE
8 SELECTION AND RECOMMENDATION OF THIS APPOINTMENT OF BRIGADIER
9 GENERAL RUTH A. WONG AS DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
10 DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS. WITH THIS
11 APPOINTMENT, BRIGADIER GENERAL RUTH WONG BECOMES THE FIRST
12 WOMAN VETERAN DIRECTOR OF A DEPARTMENT, THE LARGEST MILITARY
13 VETERANS AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. AND
14 WHEN WE GO TO NATIONAL CONVENTION, WE'RE GOING TO FIND OUT IF
15 THERE'S ANYBODY IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY THAT HAS A WOMAN
16 DIRECTOR FOR ITS DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. IN THE 95-
17 YEAR HISTORY OF THIS DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT, THERE
18 HAVE BEEN FIVE PREVIOUS DIRECTORS. SHE NOW BECOMES THE SIXTH
19 DIRECTOR. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH HER. WE LOOK FORWARD
20 TO SUPPORTING THE ISSUES THAT ARE PERTINENT TO LOS ANGELES
21 COUNTY VETERANS. AND FROM TIME TO TIME DISAGREEING WITH SOME
22 OF THOSE THINGS BUT AT THE SAME TIME WORKING TOGETHER WITH
23 HER. IN THE PREVIOUS MONTHS THAT WE'VE HAD OCCASION TO WORK
24 WITH GENERAL WONG, WE HAVE FOUND HER TO BE A VERY
25 KNOWLEDGEABLE AND CARING INDIVIDUAL FOR ISSUES THAT PERTAIN TO



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1 VETERANS. AND IN PARTICULAR FOR THE WOMEN VETERANS OF THIS
2 COUNTY, WHICH IS THE LARGEST WOMEN VETERAN POPULATION IN THE
3 ENTIRE UNITED STATES IN TERMS OF COUNTIES. AND FOR THAT
4 MATTER, IN TERMS OF STATES. WE KNOW THAT HERE IN THE INNER
5 CITY THERE'S OVER 30. IN THE COUNTY THERE'S OVER 23,000 WOMEN
6 VETERANS ACCOUNTED FOR WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
7 AFFAIRS. SO AGAIN WE WANT TO COMMEND YOU FOR THIS
8 RECOMMENDATION AND HEARTILY APPROVE YOUR ENDORSEMENT, HEARTILY
9 ENDORSE HER FOR YOUR NEXT DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 VETERANS AFFAIRS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
13 TESTIMONY. WE'LL TAKE NICOLE PARSON AT THIS POINT IN
14 LANCASTER. MS. PARSON, ARE YOU READY?

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16 **NICOLE PARSON:** YES, I'M READY.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. PLEASE PROCEED,
19 MA'AM.

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21 **NICOLE PARSON:** HUH?

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1 **NICOLE PARSON:** THANK YOU. HI, GUYS, HI. HI MR. ANTONOVICH, HI
2 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, YOUR HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
3 MAYORS. I WAS HERE ON ITEM NO. 4 AND ACTUALLY IT'S ART AND
4 INFRASTRUCTURE AND METRO. AND SO I WAS THINKING ABOUT THE PARK
5 HERE AT HEROES' PARK, BECAUSE YOU KNOW THE OTHER PARK HOLDS
6 SPECIAL MEANING BECAUSE MY DAD, OKAY, THE PARK WAS, IT WAS
7 ZEROED OUT. IT WAS NOTHING EXCEPT DIRT LAND AND IT EMBODIES
8 AND HOLDS MY FATHER BECAUSE I MADE IT AS LIKE NOT A HEROES'
9 PARK BUT LANCASTER, OR WHOEVER MADE IT HEROES' PARK. SO THERE
10 IS THINGS THAT ARE CALLED "THEMERIES" AND WALKABLE
11 COMMUNITIES, RIGHT NOW THEY ARE DOING SAFE WALK FOR SCHOOL. SO
12 FOR THIS PARK, THERE'S FOR THE ARTS DEPARTMENT, IF THEY COULD
13 LOOK AT THIS AND MAYBE THINK OF SOME STATUES, IT'S ABOUT THE
14 GIVERS AND THE HOLDERS. SO THERE'S LIKE FIVE STATUES. AND ONE
15 SO THAT IT WOULD INCLUDE EVERYBODY IS IF YOU COULD IMAGINE A
16 MOM, AND SAY SHE HAD FOUR LITTLE GIRLS, LIKE UNDER 11, SO THE
17 HOUSE WAS ON FIRE SO THEY HAD THEIR MOM TO BREAK THE WINDOW.
18 AND SO SHE PULLS ALL THE LITTLE GIRLS OUT, FINALLY SHE TAKES
19 ENOUGH TIME TO WRAP THEM IN BLANKETS AND THEN GOT THEM ALL OUT
20 AND THEY'RE LIKE, "THE CAT, THE CAT." AND SO THE MOM'S LIKE
21 TAKE THE LADDER DOWN, TAKE IT DOWN. SO THEY WAIT FOR THE MOM
22 TO COME OUT AND SHE NEVER COMES OUT. AND SO THESE ARE STATUES
23 TO EMBODY HEROES' PARK. THERE IS ALSO SOMETHING, I ASKED THE
24 KIDS OVER HERE, I TRIED TO ASK THEM IF THEY WANTED A DIRT BIKE
25 PLACE AND LIKE SKATEBOARD PLACE AND THEY WERE LIKE, "NO, NOT



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1 REALLY." BUT I WAS LIKE, "YEAH, BECAUSE YOU WANT TO LIKE SKATE
2 ON THE BOULEVARD OR SKATE EVERYWHERE." AND THEY'RE LIKE,
3 "YEAH." BUT IT WOULD BE OKAY TO HAVE THESE SKATE PARKS HERE,
4 AND IF WE SORT OF REDESIGN HEROES' PARK, WE COULD PROBABLY GET
5 A SKATE PARK IN HERE OR THERE'S A COUPLE MORE LOCATIONS. AND
6 THEN ALSO IT'S THE BACK PART OF THE HEROES' PARK, LIKE TAKE
7 OUT ONE OF THE STADIUMS. I WAS HOPING THAT WE COULD DO LIKE A
8 MERRY GO ROUND POWERED BY ELECTRIC SOLAR POWER JUST FROM THE
9 CITY. SO I DON'T KNOW IF YOU COULD, THEY'RE ALL GIVERS AND
10 HOLDERS OF AMERICAN HEROES HERE. THERE'S ONE RIGHT HERE. OH,
11 TIME EXPIRED.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES, IT HAS. WE THANK YOU FOR
14 YOUR TESTIMONY.

15

16 **NICOLE PARSON:** OKAY. YOU'RE WELCOME. BYE-BYE.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** BYE-BYE. ALL RIGHT. THAT CLOSES
19 THE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION. WE HAVE EXHAUSTED ALL OF THE CARDS
20 THAT HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE.

21

22 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. THE
23 FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU, ITEM S-2 WILL BE CONTINUED TO
24 AUGUST 20. ITEM NO. 1-D WILL BE BEFORE YOU, ITEM NO. 1, ITEM
25 NO. 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, ITEM NO. 13 WILL BE CONTINUED TO



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1 JULY 30. ITEM 20 WILL BE BEFORE YOU, 21, 28. 29 WILL BE
2 CONTINUED TO JULY 23. 32 WILL BE BEFORE YOU, 40-A AND 40-C. IF
3 WE COULD TAKE THOSE ITEMS UP FIRST, THOSE ITEMS ARE BEFORE
4 YOU.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THOSE ITEMS
7 INDEED ARE BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY MOVES. SUPERVISOR
8 ANTONOVICH SECONDS. AND PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF
9 THOSE HERE PRESENT.

10

11 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THERE'S TWO OTHER ITEMS WE'RE
12 GOING TO HOLD ON THE TABLE UNTIL SUPERVISOR MOLINA COMES BACK.
13 SO IF YOU'D LIKE TO TAKE UP OTHER ITEMS, ITEM NO. 5 IS BEING
14 HELD BY YOURSELF?

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM NO. 5 IS BEFORE US. IT'S
17 SIMPLY TO CIRCULATE FOR THE MEMBERS' CONSIDERATION A
18 SUBSTITUTE MOTION AND IT IS NOT ONE THAT WE NEED TO DEBATE AT
19 THIS POINT IN TIME. WE WILL CONTINUE THE ITEM. IT HAS BEEN
20 AMENDED PURSUANT TO INPUT FROM VARIOUS BOARD OFFICES AND
21 COUNTY COUNSEL AS WELL AS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE. I SUBMIT
22 IT FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION, THAT IS, MAXIMIZING THE BENEFITS OF
23 COUNTY FINANCE PROJECTS BY LOCAL- HIRE WORKERS. MEMBERS OF THE
24 BOARD, WE HAVE TAKEN A POSITION ON THIS ITEM IN OTHER
25 INSTANCES. AND WE ARE TAKING THE NEXT STEP IN TRYING TO MAKE



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1 SURE THAT THERE IS CONSENSUS AND COMFORT BY AS MANY BOARD
2 OFFICES AS POSSIBLE. I THINK THE EFFICACY OF LOCAL HIRE IS
3 RATHER COMPELLING. WE JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT CONSENSUS IS
4 WROUGHT. WE NEEDN'T DISCUSS IT IN ANY LENGTH AT THIS POINT IN
5 TIME. BUT IF OUR MANTRA IS JOBS, JOBS, JOBS, I THINK IT'S
6 APPROPRIATE TO SAY LOCAL JOBS, LOCAL JOBS, LOCAL JOBS. PLEASE
7 REVIEW THIS. WE WILL CONTINUE THIS FOR ONE WEEK, AT WHICH TIME
8 I WILL TAKE THE MATTER UP. NEXT ITEM, PLEASE.

9

10 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IT WOULD BE
11 APPROPRIATE TO TAKE THE ADJOURNMENTS RIGHT NOW.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
14 YAROSLAVSKY, IF YOU WOULD BEGIN WITH YOUR ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE
17 MEMORY OF JACK WAX, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT WHO
18 PASSED AWAY OVER THE WEEKEND. JACK WAS A RETIRED
19 ANESTHESIOLOGIST. HE AND HIS WIFE, LENORE, WERE ACTIVE IN THE
20 JEWISH COMMUNITY AND INVOLVED IN POLITICS IN THE WEST SIDE OF
21 LOS ANGELES AND STRONG SUPPORTERS OF MANY OF US WHO RAN FOR
22 OFFICE OVER THE LAST SEVERAL DECADES. HE IS SURVIVED -- JACK
23 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, LENORE; TWO CHILDREN, BILLY AND EVA;
24 FIVE GRANDCHILDREN; AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. ALSO ASK TO BE
25 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ARLINE GODFRIED LAND, WHO PASSED AWAY



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1 AT THE AGE OF 79. SHE IS SURVIVED BY THREE CHILDREN, ABBE
2 LAND, WHO IS A LONGTIME COUNCILMEMBER AND CURRENT MAYOR OF THE
3 CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD; JON LAND AND LISA LAND MALONEY; AND
4 OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNING
5 MOTIONS.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU,
8 SUPERVISOR. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOUR ADJOURNING MOTIONS,
9 PLEASE.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D LIKE TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY
12 OF MY AUNT ANN ANTONOVICH CHABO WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
13 93. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER, JEANIE; HER BROTHER,
14 GEORGE; AND HER SISTER, SISTER ST. GEORGE; GRANDCHILDREN,
15 JULIE AND JAN; AND A NUMBER OF NIECES AND NEPHEWS. I ALSO MOVE
16 IN MEMORY OF JIM LOPER WHO WAS THE FORMER PRESIDENT, FOUNDER
17 OF K.C.E.T., CHANNEL 28, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 81. JIM
18 I KNEW WHEN HE WAS AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES
19 WHEN I WAS A STUDENT THERE, I REMAINED FRIENDS WITH HIM
20 THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. HE WAS THE FOUNDING CHAIRMAN OF THE
21 NATIONAL PUBLIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM AS THEIR EXECUTIVE
22 DIRECTOR OF THE ACADEMY OF TELEVISION ARTS AND SCIENCES AND
23 WAS ON THE COMMITTEE THAT DEVELOPED THE U.S.C. ANNENBERG
24 SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATIONS, WHERE HE WAS ALSO AN ADJUNCT
25 PROFESSOR. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, MARY, WHO WAS QUITE



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1 INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY, AND THEIR CHILDREN, ELIZABETH AND
2 JAMES, JR. A LONGTIME FRIEND, LONGTIME SUPPORTER, COMMUNITY
3 LEADER, RESIDENT, SHERMAN WAGENSELLER OF SULLIVAN CANYON
4 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86. HE WAS A WORLD WAR II VETERAN
5 SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY. HE WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE
6 REPUBLICAN PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR THE 60TH ASSEMBLY
7 DISTRICT AND SERVED BY GOVERNOR RONALD REAGAN TO THE STATE
8 HOSPITAL ADVISORY BOARD. HE WAS ALSO PRESIDENT OF THE CANYON
9 ASSOCIATION FOR MANY YEARS. AND HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,
10 JANET, AND HIS CHILDREN. ROBERT AVAKIAN, FORMER LIEUTENANT IN
11 THE UNITED STATES NAVY, WAS A MEMBER OF THE U.S.C. CENTURY
12 CLUB, BOARD OF COUNSELORS AND THE U.S.C. DENTAL SCHOOL, AND
13 STATE BOARD OF DENTAL. HE'S RECEIVED THE LOUIS E. FORD
14 MEMORIAL AWARD AND WAS A FELLOW OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF
15 DENTISTS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND BROTHER, BROTHER-IN-
16 LAW. MIGUEL "MIKE" GRIJALVA, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85 FROM
17 THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. HAD WORKED PREVIOUSLY FOR LOCKHEED'S
18 FAMOUS SKUNK WORKS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER AND SONS.
19 RICHARD LAUNDER, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF WHITTIER, PASSED AWAY AT
20 THE AGE OF 90. HIS FATHER FOUNDED THE CONSTRUCTION MINING
21 BUSINESS H.&L. TOOTH COMPANY, WHICH HE CONTINUED WITH AND HE
22 IS SURVIVED BY HIS SON, DAUGHTER, AND CAROL -- HIS DAUGHTER,
23 CAROL, AND SON, BRYAN. PHYLLIS LASK, PRESIDENT OF THE WOMEN'S
24 AUXILIARY OF THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION WHERE SHE HAD
25 SERVED. SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF



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1 ANTELOPE VALLEY. BARBARA BREIGHT, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
2 86, LONGTIME MEMBER OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. HER SON, STEVE, IS
3 THE PASTOR OF LEONA VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH. JUSTIN EUGENE
4 CARR, HE'S A STUDENT AT HARVARD WESTLAKE WHO TRAGICALLY PASSED
5 AWAY SUDDENLY DURING AN AFTER-SCHOOL SWIM PRACTICE AT THE AGE
6 OF 14. HAD A VERY SEVERE HEART PROBLEM. HE HAD A STRONG
7 PASSION IN VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS AND EXCELLED IN SCHOOL.
8 HE WAS ALSO THE NEPHEW OF BOB BARTLETT, FORMER MAYOR OF
9 MONROVIA, AND ONE OF MY COMMISSIONERS AND HIS FATHER, HIS
10 UNCLE WAS RAY BARTLETT, CLASSMATE OF JACKIE ROBINSON, THROUGH
11 HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE AND ALSO SERVED AS THE DEPUTY FOR WARREN
12 DORN AND ONE OF HIS COMMISSIONERS BEFORE HE PASSED AWAY. THOSE
13 ARE MY ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

14
15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT MOVES
16 US THROUGH OUR ADJOURNING MOTIONS. WE'RE GOING TO NOW TAKE UP
17 S-1 ON OUR AGENDA. THIS IS A PRESENTATION THAT I THINK ALL OF
18 US WOULD VERY WELL FIND OURSELVES BEING INTERESTED IN. I WANT
19 TO SAY THE FOLLOWING. IT IS NOT THE BOARD'S INTENTION TO ADOPT
20 ANYTHING TODAY. IT IS ESSENTIALLY AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THE
21 BENEFIT OF THIS PRESENTATION FOR THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION.
22 THE ITEM WILL THEN BE CONTINUED FOR FURTHER DELIBERATIONS, AT
23 WHICH TIME WE WILL THEN DISPOSE OF THE ITEM PURSUANT TO THE
24 BOARD'S WISHES. AGAIN, THIS IS AN ITEM THAT THERE WILL BE MORE
25 THAN ONE OPPORTUNITY FOR INPUT. AND WE'RE GOING TO ASK FOR THE



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1 PRESENTATION TO COMMENCE. AND FROM THAT POINT WE WILL HAVE
2 PUBLIC COMMENT. THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE ASKED TO BE HEARD ON
3 PUBLIC COMMENT, WE WANT TO DO IT WITH SOME ALACRITY IF YOU
4 WILL ACCOMMODATE THAT AS WE WILL HAVE SEVERAL ITEMS AT
5 SUBSEQUENT BOARD MEETINGS TO BE HEARD, AND WE INVITE YOU TO DO
6 SO. AND DUE TO THE FACT THAT WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY 40 PERSONS
7 WISHING TO BE HEARD BY WAY OF PUBLIC COMMENT, I'M GOING TO ASK
8 YOU TO COOPERATE WITH THE CHAIR IN TERMS OF THE AMOUNT OF TIME
9 THAT WILL BE AFFORDED YOU. BUT BE CONFIDENT THAT IN SUBSEQUENT
10 BOARD MEETINGS YOU WILL HAVE ANY NUMBER OF OPPORTUNITIES TO DO
11 SO. ALL RIGHT. SO WE'LL HEAR FROM THE PRESENTERS AT THIS POINT
12 IN TIME. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, IF YOU WOULD SET THAT UP.

13

14 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** CERTAINLY, MR. CHAIRMAN. I'D LIKE
15 TO INTRODUCE VANIR MANAGEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION. I ACTUALLY
16 TWISTED THAT. MANAGEMENT CONSTRUCTION AND MANAGEMENT INC. JOHN
17 KUPRENAS IS THE PRIMARY AND WILL LEAD US IN THIS DISCUSSION.

18

19 **JOHN KUPRENAS:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIR AND BOARD
20 MEMBERS. MY NAME IS JOHN KUPRENAS, AND I'M WITH VANIR
21 CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT. VANIR IS A FULL-SERVICES MANAGEMENT
22 FIRM. WE'VE BEEN IN BUSINESS 30 YEARS AND WE'RE A CALIFORNIA-
23 BASED COMPANY. VANIR'S REPORT IS BEING PRESENTED THIS MORNING.
24 AND THE REASON FOR THE REPORT IS TO ADDRESS BOARD MOTIONS
25 DATED MARCH 19 AND MAY 21, IN SPECIFIC TO GET INTO THE



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1 FACILITIES DESCRIPTIONS FOR THE JAILS, A PROFILE OF THE
2 INMATES, CONDUCT A TREND ANALYSIS, JAIL PLAN OPTIONS AND THEN
3 A TIMELINE DELIVERY SCHEDULE. THIS MORNING WE PREPARED A
4 PRESENTATION POWERPOINT WHICH SUMMARIZES THE RESULTS OF OUR
5 STUDY. TO BEGIN WITH I'D LIKE TO PLEASE INTRODUCE THE TEAM. TO
6 MY LEFT IS ROB NASH. ROB IS AN ARCHITECT WITH 25 YEARS OF
7 EXPERIENCE. HE SPECIALIZES IN PROGRAMMING AND PLANNING OF
8 JUSTICE FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. HE'S
9 BEEN WORKING SPECIFICALLY ON JUSTICE FACILITIES FOR THE LAST
10 15 YEARS. TO MY RIGHT IS CANDY ROBERTS. SHE'S ALSO AN
11 ARCHITECT. HER EXPERTISE IS ALSO IN PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING
12 JUSTICE FACILITIES. FOR THE LAST 25 YEARS SHE HAS BEEN WORKING
13 IN THAT FIELD. HER SPECIFIC EXPERTISE IS IN THE MENTAL HEALTH
14 AND MEDICAL PROGRAMMING OF CORRECTION DEPARTMENTS. TO MY FAR
15 LEFT IS PETER ANDREW. PETER IS A LICENSED ARCHITECT WITH 30
16 YEARS OF PRISON AND JAIL CONSTRUCTION DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION
17 EXPERIENCE. HE'S OUR EXPERT ON FACILITIES. TO MY FAR RIGHT IS
18 MIKE DEVRIES, HE'S AN ARCHITECT WHO ALSO HAS A DEGREE IN
19 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND HAS 30 YEARS OF PUBLIC SECTOR
20 PROJECT DELIVERY EXPERTISE. AND WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO PLEASE
21 TURN IT OVER TO ROB NASH, WHO IS GOING TO TAKE YOU THROUGH OUR
22 REPORT.

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE THANK YOU FOR
25 DOING SO. THE SET ITEM IS FOR 11 O'CLOCK. MAY I SUGGEST TO YOU



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1 THAT IT IS THE BOARD'S INTENT IS TO BE DONE WITH THE ENTIRETY
2 OF THIS PRESENTATION BY NOON. WE ASK THAT YOU BE GOVERNED
3 ACCORDINGLY. IF WE HAVE A GOOD DAY, THAT WILL INCLUDE PUBLIC
4 COMMENT. PLEASE PROCEED.

5

6 **ROB NASH:** THANK YOU. THE VANIR REPORT IDENTIFIES CRITICAL
7 NEEDS WITHIN THE LOS ANGELES JAIL SYSTEM. THOSE CRITICAL NEEDS
8 INCLUDE CLOSING AND DEMOLISHING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, PROVIDING
9 APPROPRIATE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT FACILITIES FOR
10 INCARCERATED INMATES, RESTORING TWIN TOWERS TO HIGH SECURITY
11 GENERAL POPULATION INMATES, ACHIEVING THE PROPER ALIGNMENT OF
12 HOUSING TYPES TO INMATE SECURITY CLASSIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
13 AND REDUCING CROWDING WITHIN THE JAIL SYSTEM. THE OPTIONS
14 ADDRESS THESE CRITICAL LONG TERM NEEDS BY CREATING THE RIGHT
15 SIZED JAIL SYSTEM, REDUCING THE OVERALL NUMBER OF BEDS,
16 REDUCING THE NUMBER OF EXCESS DORMITORY BEDS BUT INCREASING
17 THE NUMBER OF BEDS THAT ARE IN CELLS. PROVIDING SORELY NEEDED
18 MEDICAL, MENTAL HEALTH, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT IN A NEW
19 CONSOLIDATED CORRECTIONAL TREATMENT FACILITY. THIS FACILITY
20 WOULD HAVE APPROPRIATE TREATMENT AND PROGRAM SPACE THAT WOULD
21 BE SIZED TO ACCOMMODATE THE PROJECTED NEED, AND THE
22 CONSOLIDATED TREATMENT WOULD INCREASE EFFICIENCY AND OUTCOMES
23 FOR INMATES. INCREASING SECURITY AND SAFETY WITHIN THE SYSTEM.
24 HOUSING HIGHER SECURITY INMATES IN CELLS AS OPPOSED TO IN
25 DORMITORY SETTINGS. ELIMINATING BUNKS THAT OBSCURE VIEW AND



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1 INCREASE THE SENSE OF CROWDING WITHIN THE SYSTEM. AND
2 PROVIDING THE PROPER PROGRAM SPACE FOR MENTAL HEALTH
3 TREATMENT. ALIGNING THE SECURITY NEEDS OF INMATES WITH
4 FACILITIES. AGAIN, THIS IS REDUCING THE EXCESS DORMITORY BEDS,
5 PROVIDING MORE CELLS FOR HIGHER SECURITY INMATES AND PROVIDING
6 SPECIALIZED FACILITIES TO HOUSE FEMALE INMATES. EASING
7 CROWDING. ALL OF THE OPTIONS PROPOSE REMOVING ALL BUNKS FROM
8 DAY ROOMS, REMOVING THE THIRD BUNK FROM TRIPLE BUNKS IN
9 DORMITORIES, AND ADDING BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY
10 CORRECTIONS RATED BEDS TO THE JAIL SYSTEM. THIS CHART SHOWS A
11 SUMMARY OF THE FIVE OPTIONS THAT ARE INCLUDED WITHIN THE
12 REPORT. OPTIONS 1-A AND 1-B ARE VERY SIMILAR. THE PRIMARY
13 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO IS WHETHER THERE IS A WOMEN'S
14 FACILITY AT PITCHESS OR WHETHER MIRA LOMA DETENTION CENTER
15 WOULD BE REOPENED TO ACCOMMODATE FEMALE INMATES. YOU CAN SEE
16 AT THE TOP OF THIS CHART ALL OF THE FIVE OPTIONS ACCOMMODATE
17 CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL, ALIGNING THE HOUSING TYPES AND SECURITY
18 NEEDS OF INMATES, WOULD COMPLETE ALL NEW INMATE HOUSING WITHIN
19 7 YEARS AND INCLUDE A NEW C.C.T.F. DOWNTOWN. OPTION 1-A, IN
20 ADDITION TO THE WOMEN'S FACILITY AT PITCHESS WOULD UTILIZE THE
21 A.B.900 GRANT THAT THE COUNTY HAS ALREADY BEEN AWARDED IN THE
22 AMOUNT OF \$100 MILLION. AND IT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO QUALIFY
23 FOR AN S.B.1022 GRANT, WHICH THE REQUIREMENTS OF WHICH ARE NOT
24 OUT YET, ALTHOUGH WILL BE OUT LATER THIS MONTH. OPTION 1-B IS
25 VERY SIMILAR TO 1-A, THE PRIMARY DIFFERENCE AGAIN IS USING



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1 MIRA LOMA AS OPPOSED TO PITCHESS TO HOUSE WOMEN. THE ISSUE OF
2 WHETHER THE A.B.900 GRANT WOULD BE ABLE TO BE UTILIZED IS
3 STILL AN OPEN QUESTION AND ONE THAT WOULD NEED TO BE FURTHER
4 PURSUED AND RESOLVED TO BE ABLE TO COME TO SOME CONCLUSION ON
5 THAT. THERE IS ALSO THE POTENTIAL TO USE THE S.B.1022 GRANT IN
6 OPTION 1-B. OPTION 2 CONSISTS OF JUST A LARGE SINGLE FACILITY
7 DOWNTOWN WITH NO DEDICATED WOMEN'S FACILITY. IT WOULD NOT
8 UTILIZE THE A.B.900 GRANT OR AN S.B.1022 GRANT. THERE MAY BE
9 OTHER POSSIBILITIES WITHIN THE SYSTEM, BUT WITHIN THESE
10 OPTIONS, THIS PROJECT WOULD NOT QUALIFY FOR THOSE GRANTS.
11 OPTION NO. 3 WOULD PROPOSE SPLITTING THE C.C.T.F. DOWNTOWN
12 INTO TWO FACILITIES, ONE DOWNTOWN AND ONE LOCATED OUT AT
13 PITCHESS IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR TWO POPULATION CENTERS WITHIN
14 THE JAIL SYSTEM THAT ARE OF APPROXIMATELY EQUAL SIZE. THIS
15 WOULD ALLOW INMATES AT PITCHESS TO PERHAPS HAVE MORE READY
16 ACCESS TO CERTAIN MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT WITHOUT
17 TRANSPORTATION DOWNTOWN OR TO COMMUNITY PROVIDERS. WE DO
18 RECOGNIZE THAT THERE MAY BE ISSUES RELATIVE TO ADDITIONAL
19 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND OPERATIONAL COSTS IN OPERATING TWO OF
20 THESE FACILITIES AS OPPOSED TO ONE. OPTION 3 WOULD ALSO
21 INCLUDE A WOMEN'S FACILITY AT PITCHESS AND COULD POTENTIALLY
22 TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE A.B.900 GRANT AND THE S.B.1022 GRANT.
23 OPTION 4 PROPOSES A SINGLE LARGE C.C.T.F. DOWNTOWN, A NEW
24 WOMEN'S FACILITY AT PITCHES, AND REOPENING MIRA LOMA FOR
25 WOMEN. AS PART OF THIS OPTION, CENTURY REGIONAL DETENTION



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1 FACILITY WOULD BECOME A MALE FACILITY, AS ALL FEMALES WOULD
2 EITHER BE HOUSED AT PITCHESS, MIRA LOMA OR IN THE C.C.T.F. IF
3 THEY NEED TREATMENT. THIS OPTION WOULD ALLOW THE COUNTY TO
4 CLOSE YOUR OLDEST FACILITY, P.D.C. EAST, AND IT WOULD ALLOW
5 THE COUNTY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A.B.900 AND S.B.1022 GRANTS.
6 FOR ALL OF THESE OPTIONS, THE C.C.T.F. IS THE VAST MAJORITY OF
7 THE COST, APPROXIMATELY 90 PERCENT. SOME OF THE OPTIONS IT MAY
8 EVEN BE MORE THAN 90 PERCENT. THE OTHER COSTS INCLUDE THE
9 WOMEN'S FACILITY, REPLACEMENT OF A BUS MAINTENANCE
10 TRANSPORTATION FACILITY, AND REPLACEMENT OF VARIOUS PARKING
11 STRUCTURES. THE REPORT ENCOURAGES THE COUNTY TO CONTINUE TO
12 EXPLORE AND EXPAND ALTERNATIVES TO CUSTODY AND PRETRIAL
13 RELEASE PROGRAMS. WE NOTE THAT A NUMBER OF THESE PROGRAMS AND
14 RELEASE PROGRAMS ARE ALREADY IN PLACE. NEARLY 65 PERCENT OF
15 FELONS CURRENTLY SENTENCED ARE SENTENCED TO SOME FORM OF
16 COMMUNITY SUPERVISION, WHETHER THAT'S STRAIGHT PROBATION OR
17 SPLIT SENTENCES. WE WOULD ALSO NOTE THAT IF EVERYONE ELIGIBLE
18 SERVED THEIR FULL TIME IN JAIL, THE PRISON POPULATION WOULD BE
19 BETWEEN 25 AND 30,000. EXPANSION OF ALTERNATIVES TO CUSTODY
20 PROGRAMS ARE CONSISTENT WITH ALL THE OPTIONS AND INCREASING
21 THEM WOULD ALLOW THE COUNTY TO PURSUE OTHER GOALS, SUCH AS
22 INCREASING PERCENTAGE OF TIME SERVED, FURTHER REDUCE CROWDING
23 WITHIN THE SYSTEM AND POTENTIALLY CLOSE ADDITIONAL AGING
24 FACILITIES. THE OPTIONS IN OUR REPORT ALLOW THE COUNTY TO
25 HOUSE INMATES IN THE MOST APPROPRIATE SETTINGS, TO BENEFIT



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1 FROM MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FOR ILL
2 INMATES, REDUCE RISK AND POTENTIAL LIABILITIES, MAXIMIZE THE
3 USE OF EXISTING FACILITIES, EXPAND ALTERNATIVES TO CUSTODY
4 PROGRAMS AND TO CONSTRUCT NEW FACILITIES WITHOUT REQUIRING
5 INMATE SWING SPACE. THAT CONCLUDES OUR PRESENTATION.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL NOW
8 HEAR FROM ASSISTANT SHERIFF TERRI MCDONALD.

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10 **TERRI MCDONALD:** GOOD MORNING. THE SHERIFF WASN'T ABLE TO
11 ATTEND TODAY DUE TO A FUNERAL. I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
12 PRESENT BEFORE YOU TODAY. I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE BOARD'S
13 LEADERSHIP, AS IS THE SHERIFF IN TAKING THE OPPORTUNITY TO
14 LOOK AT SOME OF THE CHALLENGES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CURRENT BED
15 CAPACITY IN THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM. I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE
16 RECOGNITION OF THE CHALLENGES MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL CREATES FOR
17 BED MANAGEMENT AS WELL AS THE MENTAL HEALTH POPULATION NEEDS
18 AND PROGRAMMING OF FEMALE OFFENDERS. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO
19 BEING ABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE OF US
20 TODAY AND CONTINUING TO WORK TO EXPLORE THESE OPTIONS. THANK
21 YOU, MR. CHAIR.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
24 TESTIMONY. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE ARE GOING TO NOW HEAR
25 THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM,



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1 AT WHICH TIME WE WILL THEN GO TO THE DELIBERATIONS AND
2 QUESTIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH? OR
3 DO YOU WANT TO GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT?

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WANT TO ASK SOME OF THE QUESTIONS FIRST
6 BECAUSE IT MAY RELATE TO THE PUBLIC COMMENT.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK WE SHOULD DISPOSE OF
9 PUBLIC COMMENT AND WE'LL HAVE A FULL OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR THAT
10 AND ENGAGE THE PRESENTERS AT THE SAME TIME. ALL RIGHT?

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK, EACH OF THE FIVE OPTIONS INCLUDES
13 A CONSOLIDATED CORRECTIONAL TREATMENT FACILITY. NOW IF THE
14 TRENDS CHANGE IN THE FUTURE, DO THESE BEDS, ARE THEY FLEXIBLE
15 ENOUGH FOR OTHER USES? COULD THEY BE SAFELY AND EFFICIENTLY
16 HOUSING A GENERAL POPULATION OF MEDIUM OR HIGH SECURITY
17 INMATES IF NEEDED?

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** EXCUSE ME FOR A MOMENT,
20 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN IN THE AUDIENCE,
21 I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO TAKE YOUR SEATS. PLEASE. THIS IS AN
22 OPPORTUNITY, EVERYBODY WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD.
23 THIS IS AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE YOU ARE ATTEMPTING TO RESPECT THE
24 DECORUM OF THE BOARD. WE ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR DOING SO. BUT IT
25 WOULD BE USEFUL AT THIS POINT IN TIME THAT YOU NOT OBSTRUCT



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1 THE VIEWS OF THOSE WHO ARE OTHERWISE WISHING TO PARTICIPATE.
2 THE CHAIR IS REQUESTING THAT YOU AT THIS POINT IN TIME TAKE
3 YOUR SEATS, AFTER WHICH YOU WILL BE AFFORDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO
4 BE HEARD AT THE PUBLIC MICROPHONE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
5 SUPERVISOR, I'D LIKE TO MOVE THROUGH THIS QUICKLY.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE HAVE THE REPORT. AND WE APPRECIATE THAT.
8 AND SO THE QUESTION IS COULD THOSE BEDS BE USED FOR OTHER
9 USES? IS FLEXIBILITY BUILT INTO THAT?

10

11 **TERRI MCDONALD:** YES. WE HAVE LOOKED AT THAT AND HAVE INCLUDED
12 A SIMILAR AMOUNT OF PROGRAM SPACE, NOT EXACTLY THE SAME,
13 DEPENDING UPON THE NEEDS OF THE MENTAL HEALTH POPULATION. BUT
14 BECAUSE WE'RE BUILDING PRIMARILY CELLS IN ALL THESE OPTIONS,
15 THERE'S FLEXIBILITY THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING OVER TIME AS YOUR
16 POPULATION NEEDS EITHER INCREASING THE TREATMENT PROGRAM OR
17 INCREASING THE CUSTODY THAT YOU CAN FLOAT BACK AND FORTH
18 THROUGH THE BUILDING TO ALLOW THAT. THE ONLY BEDS THAT REALLY
19 DON'T WORK THAT WAY ARE BEDS THAT WOULD BE LICENSED AS
20 INPATIENT CORRECTIONAL TREATMENT CENTER BEDS.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND YOU'RE LOOKING AT PLACING THIS ADJACENT
23 TO THE CENTRAL JAIL WHICH IS CURRENTLY BEING USED FOR PARKING.
24 ARE YOU CONFIDENT THAT THAT IS ADEQUATE SIZE FOR THIS PROJECT?

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1 **JOHN KUPRENAS:** YES, WE ARE.

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AS A PROPONENT FOR INMATES SERVING THEIR FULL
4 TIME, INCLUDING THE LOW LEVEL OFFENDERS BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT
5 USUALLY LOW LEVEL OFFENDERS, MOST THINK THEY ARE. MOST INMATES
6 IN OUR COUNTY JAIL WERE REALLY MEANT TO HOUSE, THEY ARE FAR
7 MORE SOPHISTICATED WITH A VERY EXTENSIVE RAP SHEET. CAN YOU
8 TELL US HOW YOUR JAIL PLANS ADDRESS THAT ISSUE?

9

10 **ROB NASH:** THE ISSUE OF INCREASING PERCENTAGE OF TIME SERVED?
11 THERE'S A NUMBER OF WAYS. A COUPLE OF THE PRIMARY WAYS ARE THE
12 BOARD WILL HAVE THE OPTION OF TAKING ADVANTAGE OF CERTAIN
13 PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES OUTSIDE OF THEIR SYSTEM RIGHT NOW SUCH
14 AS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLACE INMATES IN FIRE CAMPS AND ALSO THE
15 POTENTIAL TO USE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES. THESE
16 WOULD ESSENTIALLY SUPPLEMENT THE EXISTING SYSTEM WITHOUT
17 HAVING TO BUILD, BEDS BUT WOULD ALLOW THE COUNTY TO INCREASE
18 PERCENTAGE TIME SERVED IF THAT'S HOW YOU CHOSE TO USE THAT
19 ADDITIONAL CAPACITY.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FIRE CAMPS
22 IS THE PHYSICAL ABILITY OF AN INDIVIDUAL TO FIGHT FIRES, THEIR
23 HEALTH CONDITIONS, ET CETERA, ET CETERA. SO NOT EVERYBODY IS
24 ABLE TO BE A FIREFIGHTER.

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1 **ROB NASH:** RIGHT. WE DO UNDERSTAND IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE
2 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THAT PARTICULARLY WITH TAKING THE N3
3 POPULATION THAT THERE WOULD BE SUFFICIENT NUMBERS WHO WOULD
4 QUALIFY AND COULD BE TRAINED TO OCCUPY THOSE CAMPS.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AS IT RELATES TO FUTURE TRENDS, YOUR REPORT
7 PROJECTS THAT THE CURRENT INMATE POPULATION LARGELY REMAINS
8 THE SAME THROUGH THE COUNTY, ALTHOUGH THE COUNTY POPULATION
9 WOULD INCREASE. THAT PROJECTION ASSUMES THAT THE CURRENT EARLY
10 RELEASE POLICIES REMAIN AND THERE'S NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN
11 LAWS OR POLICIES. CLEARLY, IF WE HAD THIS PLAN IN EFFECT IN
12 2006, WE WOULD NOT HAVE ACCOUNTED FOR WHAT WE NOW HAVE TODAY
13 WITH RE-ALIGNMENT. IT'S A NEW PROBLEM THAT OCCURRED IN 2011.
14 IN FACT, JUST IN TODAY'S NEWSPAPER, THE L.A. TIMES REPORTED
15 THAT VIOLENT CRIME IS UP IN NINE COMMUNITIES IN LOS ANGELES
16 CITY, ENCINO, VIOLENT CRIME, VERMONT KNOLLS, CENTRAL, ALAMEDA,
17 FAIRFAX, GRENADA HILLS, MANCHESTER SQUARE, RESEDA, MISSION
18 HILLS, KOREA TOWN. AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS COMPARABLE
19 INCREASES IN CRIME THAT HAVE OCCURRED WITHIN THE COUNTY PART
20 AND MANY OUR MUNICIPALITY AGENCIES HAVE ALSO HAD AN INCREASE
21 IN CRIME. SO THAT SIMPLY MEANS THAT THINGS DON'T REMAIN STATIC
22 AND THEY ARE GOING TO ALWAYS BE CHANGING. WHAT HAS NOT CHANGED
23 IS THE FACT THAT CENTRAL JAIL HAS TO BE REPLACED. IT'S DESIGN
24 IS COSTLY TO OPERATE AND POSES SAFETY CONCERNS FOR EVERYONE.
25 SO I UNDERSTAND THAT IT'S NOT NECESSARY FOR THE BOARD TO



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1 SELECT A SPECIFIC OPTION BEFORE TAKING THE NEXT STEPS. WHAT
2 WOULD BE OUR NEXT STEPS?

3

4 **ROB NASH:** YOUR NEXT STEP WOULD BE TO DO A FURTHER ANALYSIS OF
5 THE C.C.T.F., SPECIFICALLY CONDUCT WHAT'S CALLED PROGRAMMING,
6 WHERE WE IDENTIFY THE SIZE AND SHAPE OF THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS
7 OF THE BUILDING, FINALIZE THE FOOTPRINT. AND IN ADDITION WE'D
8 BE ABLE TO DO AN ANALYSIS OF THE OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE
9 COSTS FOR THE FACILITY. AND IT WOULD BE DONE PRIOR TO HIRING
10 AN ARCHITECT OR DESIGN-BUILD FIRM.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND BILL, YOU AGREE WITH THAT? AND THEN
13 ASSISTANT SHERIFF, DO YOU AGREE WITH THAT?

14

15 **TERRI MCDONALD:** YES SIR.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF THE BOARD CHOOSES TO TAKE THAT STEP, ARE
18 YOU QUALIFIED TO CONDUCT THE ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS? AND IF YOU
19 ARE, HOW MUCH TIME WOULD THAT TAKE?

20

21 **ROB NASH:** YES, WE ARE QUALIFIED. VANIR SPECIALIZES IN CRIMINAL
22 JUSTICE. AS A FIRM, WE'VE DONE DOZENS OF SUCH STUDIES. CANDY
23 HERSELF HAS DONE OVER 20. THE AMOUNT OF TIME IS IN THE
24 NEIGHBORHOOD OF SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS. IT DEPENDS UPON THE
25 AMOUNT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT REQUESTED BY THE COUNTY.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND DOES VANIR, DO YOU BID FOR JAIL
3 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AND WOULD YOU BID ON THIS IF APPROVED?

4

5 **JOHN KUPRENAS:** WE ARE AT OUR HEART A MANAGEMENT CONSULTING
6 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FIRM, SO WE WOULD NOT BE INTERESTED IN
7 THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT FROM A CONTRACTOR'S POINT OF
8 VIEW.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TO OUR ASSISTANT SHERIFF, MS. MCDONALD, WHAT
11 IS THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE TO THIS REPORT?

12

13 **TERRI MCDONALD:** IN GENERAL, WE'RE APPRECIATIVE OF THE FIVE
14 DIFFERENT OPTIONS AS WE GO FORWARD. I ALSO HAVE A LONG WORKING
15 RELATIONSHIP WITH VANIR IN MY PRIOR ROLE. THEY'VE HELPED
16 ENORMOUSLY IN DESIGNING FACILITIES FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
17 AND ACTUALLY WORKING TO KEEP THE COSTS DOWN, THE OPERATING
18 COSTS DOWN, WHICH IS ALWAYS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF DOING
19 THIS, BECAUSE THE LONG-TERM COSTS ARE THE OPERATING COSTS. I
20 THINK EACH OF THE OPTIONS HAS PROS AND CONS TO IT, SIR. I
21 THINK IF YOU WERE TO ASK ME THE ONE THAT CAUSES THE GREATEST
22 CONCERN WOULD BE THE SPLITTING OF THE MEDICAL COMPLEX, ONE UP
23 NORTH AND ONE HERE IN THE BASIN, NOT BECAUSE I DON'T THINK
24 IT'S A GOOD IDEA. I THINK IT MAKES SENSE. I UNDERSTAND WHY
25 THEY MADE THE RECOMMENDATION. HOWEVER, I THINK THE ONGOING



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1 OPERATING COSTS CAN BE VERY EXPENSIVE FOR TWO DIFFERENT
2 CENTERS.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET MY HOLD MY QUESTIONS, MR. CHAIRMAN. THEN
5 I'LL COME BACK TO THOSE AFTER PUBLIC COMMENT.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR
8 ANTONOVICH. THE QUESTIONS ARE HELPFUL. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
9 LET'S TURN TO THE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF THE AGENDA. WE'LL
10 DISPATCH WITH THAT. WE WILL THEN RETURN TO THE BOARD FOR ITS
11 DELIBERATIONS, HAVING SET THE TABLE WITH THOSE QUESTIONS.
12 THERE ARE SEVERAL PERSONS WHO DO WISH TO BE HEARD. YOU WILL BE
13 OBLIGED TO ADHERE TO ONE-MINUTE RULE THAT WE ARE ESTABLISHING
14 FOR THE BALANCE OF THE TIME THAT WE HAVE. WE HAVE
15 APPROXIMATELY 50 SPEAKERS. WE BEGIN WITH RASHEENA BUCHANAN.
16 DANIEL TRAUTFIELD. ERIC PREVEN, ARNOLD SACHS. AND PATRICIA
17 MULCAHEY. HEADS UP, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, HEADS UP JUST
18 QUICKLY. SUSPENDS THIS ITEM AS THEY COME, I'M GOING TO TAKE UP
19 ITEM NO. 2 AND DISPOSE OF IT PURSUANT TO A REQUEST ON SOCIAL
20 SERVICE PERMIT. AND WE WILL DO THAT WITHOUT OBJECTION.

21

22 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 2, SUPERVISOR
23 ANTONOVICH WILL ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE.

24



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THREE VOTES CARRY IT. THAT WILL
2 BE THE ORDER.

3

4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. AND THEN ALSO ON ITEM
5 40-B, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WILL VOTE NO ON THIS ITEM.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

8

9 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. PROCEED. MR. PREVEN.

12

13 **ERIC PREVEN:** 1 MINUTE IS, OF COURSE, RIDICULOUS. THANK YOU FOR
14 YOUR ATTENTION.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NOW YOU'RE DOWN TO 59 SECONDS.
17 PROCEED.

18

19 **ERIC PREVEN:** MR. PREVEN, THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3.
20 OTHER COUNTIES DO FOCUS ON PRETRIAL DETENTION. THIS STUDY DOES
21 NOT MAKE CLEAR THAT WE SHOULD BE DOING FAR MORE OF THAT. THE
22 IDEA OF PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES IN THE FORM OF A
23 JAIL IS NOT WHAT WE WANT. WE WANT TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH
24 FACILITIES IN THE COMMUNITY, NOT INCARCERATION. ONE OF THE
25 DETAILS THAT I HEARD FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM VANIR, WHO



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1 DID A GOOD JOB, WAS THAT THESE ARE INDIVIDUAL CELLS. AT A
2 PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL, THERE'S ONE ROOM ON A FLOOR OF 20 OR SO
3 BEDROOMS THAT IS A CELL FOR WHEN PERSONS ARE HAVING A BAD
4 TIME. 19 OF THEM ARE DIFFERENT KINDS OF RESIDENTS. THAT'S THE
5 KIND THAT WE NEED TO BE CONSTRUCTING FOR MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE,
6 NOT JAIL CELLS. IT'S CRITICAL THAT THIS BOARD REJECT THIS PLAN
7 AND THAT THIS BOARD GET ON WITH THE BUSINESS OF BRINGING THEIR
8 SHERIFF TO THESE MEETINGS ON A TIMELY BASIS.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR TIME
11 IS EXPIRED. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **PATRICIA MULCAHEY:** AGAIN YOU'RE GOING AGAINST THE BROWN ACT
14 AND CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, OKAY? I'VE ASKED AGAIN FOR A
15 FEDERAL INVESTIGATION INTO HOW MANY CHILDREN WERE REMOVED IN
16 REGARDS TO QUEENS OF ANGELS HOSPITAL. HOW MANY LOWER CLASSES
17 WERE REMOVED?

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM YOU MUST SPEAK ON THE ITEM
20 BEFORE US.

21

22 **PATRICIA MULCAHEY:** AGAIN NO. YOU'RE ALL UNETHICAL. YOU'RE ALL
23 UNETHICAL. YOU SHOULD ALL BE OUT IN REGARDS TO RECEIVE CIVIL
24 RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. SERIOUSLY.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
2 TESTIMONY.

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4 **PATRICIA MULCAHEY:** NO, THAT'S NOT 35 MINUTES. IN REGARDS TO
5 THE OBAMACARE, YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MULCAHEY. THIS IS ON THE JAIL
8 PLAN.

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10 **PATRICIA MULCAHEY:** AGAIN DO YOU KNOW WHAT?

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THIS IS THE JAIL PLAN ONLY AT
13 THIS POINT IN TIME.

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15 **PATRICIA MULCAHEY:** AGAIN THE CHILDREN WERE ABUSED THROUGH US.
16 YOU HAVE SOCIAL WORKERS THAT LIED. YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING
17 INVESTIGATE THAT. YOU HAVE KIDS BEING PUT ON PSYCH MEDS --

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ONE.

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21 **PATRICIA MULCAHEY:** AGAIN FOR THAT.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** TWO.

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1 **PATRICIA MULCAHEY:** AGAIN YOU KNOW WHAT? YOU ALL ARE DAMNED,
2 SERIOUSLY.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THREE THANK YOU, MA'AM. NEXT
5 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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7 **RASHEENA BUCHANAN:** MY NAME IS RASHEENA BUCHANAN, A RESIDENT AT
8 A NEW WAY OF LIFE REENTRY PROJECT. AND ON FRIDAY, JUNE 28,
9 2013 AT APPROXIMATELY 7 A.M. WHILE UPSTAIRS SLEEPING IN MY
10 BEDROOM LOCATED AT THE NEW WAY OF LIFE SOBER LIVING HOME I
11 HEARD MY ROOMMATE, NANNY WILKERSON TO COME DOWNSTAIRS. I HAD
12 JUST WOKEN UP AND BEGAN PUTTING ON PROPER CLOTHING. AS I WAS
13 PUTTING ON MY SHOES, ONE OF THE OFFICERS APPROACHED MY BEDROOM
14 DOOR WITH HIS GUN DRAWN NEAR HIS RIGHT SIDE. I WAS TERRIFIED
15 AT THE SIGHT OF HIS GUN. THE OFFICER ASKED ME IF ANYONE ELSE
16 WAS IN THE ROOM WITH ME. I REPLIED NO, SIR. HE THEN INSTRUCTED
17 ME TO STEP OUT OF THE ROOM AND GO DOWNSTAIRS TO HAVE A SEAT. I
18 COMPLIED FULLY AND SAT ON THE COUCH WHILE WAITING FOR FURTHER
19 INSTRUCTIONS. MULTIPLE OFFICERS THEN PROCEEDED TO SEARCH
20 THROUGH THE ENTIRE HOUSE. ONE OF THE OFFICERS ASKED MY NAME
21 AND IF I WAS PART OF THE A.B.109 PROGRAM. I SAID THAT I WAS
22 NOT, BUT I AM ON PROBATION AND PAROLE. I BELIEVE THE OFFICERS
23 THEN WENT ON TO SEARCH MY ROOM. UPON THEIR COMPLETION OF THE
24 SEARCH OF THE HOUSE, THE OFFICERS PROCEEDED DOWN TO A NEW WAY
25 OF LIFE SOBER LIVING HOME FOR MOTHERS, WHICH IS LOCATED THREE



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1 HOUSES DOWN. I WENT OUTSIDE TO THE FRONT YARD TO DO MY CHORE
2 AND NOTICED FOUR POLICE CRUISERS PARKED OUTSIDE THE STREET IN
3 FRONT OF THE RESIDENCE BLOCKING BOTH SIDES OF THE STREET.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
6 YOU MAY SUBMIT IT IN WRITING. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, LET ME
7 DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION TO THE SPECIFIC TOPIC AT HAND, WHICH IS
8 S-1. IT DEALS WITH THE MATTER OF THE JAIL PLAN EXCLUSIVELY. IF
9 YOU WISH TO BE HEARD ON OTHER ITEMS, THERE IS A PORTION ON THE
10 AGENDA KNOWN AS PUBLIC COMMENT WHERE YOU WILL HAVE A MORE
11 EXPANDED OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THAT WHICH YOU WISH. I AM
12 GOING TO CALL NOW THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS. PATRISSE CULLORS,
13 TAINA VARGAS, ESTHER LIM, MARK ANTHONY JOHNSON. LADIES AND
14 GENTLEMEN, IF YOU WOULD COME NOW IN THAT ORDER. SIR, YOUR
15 NAME.

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17 **DANIEL TRAUTFIELD:** DANIEL TRAUTFIELD.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE PROCEED, DANIEL.

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21 **DANIEL TRAUTFIELD:** MY NAME IS DANIEL AND I WORK WITH NO MORE
22 JAILS L.A. WHICH HAS A LOT OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM OUR
23 COMMUNITY HERE TODAY. I'M HERE TO ASK YOU TO STOP L.A. COUNTY
24 JAIL EXPANSION PLANS, REJECT THE 100 MILLION IN A.B.900 MONEY
25 AND IMMEDIATELY END FURTHER PLANS TOWARD BUILDING. WE WANT TO



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1 PRIORITIZE STATE RE-ALIGNMENT FUNDS AND OTHER COUNTY FUNDS TO
2 INCREASE SERVICES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IT'S WELL DOCUMENTED
3 THAT BUILDING MORE JAILS AND PRISONS DOES NOT MAKE ANYONE
4 SAFER. IT SIMPLY INCREASES THE NUMBERS OF MEN, WOMEN, QUEER
5 AND TRANS PEOPLE WHOSE LIVES ARE CONTINUALLY UPROOTED MONTH TO
6 MONTH, YEAR AFTER YEAR, GENERATION TO GENERATION. THE JAILS
7 ARE OVERCROWDED, THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. BUT THE ANSWER IS
8 CLEARLY NOT BUILDING MORE JAILS. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS JUST
9 HEARD FIVE DIFFERENT CONSTRUCTION OPTIONS. AND I'D LIKE TO
10 TELL YOU THAT NONE OF THEM ARE GOOD. AGAIN, NO MORE JAILS.
11 THANKS.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
14 MR. SACHS, PLEASE?

15

16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING AGAIN AND THANK YOU
17 FOR A PLETHORA OF TIME FOR ADDRESSING THIS ITEM. THIS WAS IN
18 "THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER" FROM 6/26. "PRISON OFFICIALS
19 DEDICATED 839 MILLION INMATE MEDICAL COMPLEX." 839 MILLION. IT
20 WILL HOUSE 1010 BEDS FOR MEDICAL PATIENTS, 616 BEDS FOR
21 MENTALLY ILL PATIENTS, 100 BEDS FOR INMATES WHO ARE IN CREWS
22 ASSIGNED TO WORK AT THE MEDICAL COMPLEX. IN ADDITION, THE
23 NEIGHBORING 173 MILLION DEWITT CORRECTIONAL ANNEX IS SET TO
24 OPEN IN THE SPRING OF 2014. IT WILL HOUSE AND TREAT 1,113
25 MENTALLY ILL PATIENTS. SO IF THE STATE CAN DO THIS, WHAT ARE



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1 YOU TALKING ABOUT A BILLION DOLLARS FOR CHUMP CHANGE? BASED ON
2 THE REVENUE PROJECTIONS, JUST TO GIVE THE PUBLIC AN IDEA OF
3 WHAT HAPPENED WHEN MEASURE R, WHERE YOU MISSED THAT FORECAST
4 BY \$700 MILLION. HOW CAN YOU BE BELIEVED? AND WHO WOULD
5 BELIEVE YOU WHEN IT COMES TO FORECASTING THE COST ON PUBLIC
6 BUILDINGS THAT THE COUNTY IS GOING TO FINANCE?

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
9 SIDNEY ROSS-RISDEN, AAZIM MUHAMMAD. WALTER JOHNSON. MARSHA
10 TEMPLE. IF THOSE INDIVIDUALS WOULD COME FORWARD, SIR, PLEASE
11 PROCEED. MA'AM.

12

13 **PATRISSE CULLORS:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS PATRISSE CULLORS.
14 I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF DIGNITY AND POWER NOW AND THE
15 LEAD ORGANIZER OF THE COALITION TO END SHERIFF VIOLENCE. 1400
16 PEOPLE WHO SUFFER FROM SOME FORM OF MENTAL HEALTH DIAGNOSES
17 ARE BEING WAREHOUSED INSIDE L.A. COUNTY JAILS. THE
18 INFRASTRUCTURE FOR SUPPORTING OUR LOVED ONES WHO NEED PROPER
19 CARE AND TREATMENT IS UNFORTUNATELY NOT BEING PRIORITIZED IN
20 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAVE ALLOWED FOR
21 THE JAILS TO BE A, QUOTE, SERVICE PROVIDER. THIS HAS HAD
22 DEVASTATING IMPACTS ON MOSTLY POOR, BLACK AND BROWN
23 COMMUNITIES. A.C.L.U. REPORTED ON THEIR 2012 86-PAGE COMPLAINT
24 AGAINST THE LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THAT THE MOST
25 VULNERABLE POPULATION INSIDE THE COUNTY JAILS ARE THOSE WHO



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1 SUFFER FROM MENTAL ILLNESS. SHERIFFS HAVE UTILIZED EXCESSIVE
2 FORCE TO, QUOTE, "DEAL WITH" MENTAL HEALTH PATIENTS. MY
3 BROTHER RECALLS BEING YELLED AT AND NOT RECEIVING FOOD. THESE
4 CONDITIONS ARE TRAUMATIC FOR THOSE OF US WHO ARE UNDIAGNOSED
5 AND IT'S TORTURE FOR THOSE WHO ARE DIAGNOSED. THE COALITION
6 STANDS WITH THE NO NEW JAILS. WE BELIEVE THAT BILLIONS OF
7 DOLLARS SHOULD BE POURED BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY FOR
8 COMMUNITY-BASED ALTERNATIVES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
11 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MA'AM?

12

13 **TAINA VARGAS EDMOND:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS TAINA VARGAS
14 EDMOND. I'M HERE AS A COMMUNITY MEMBER WHO SUFFERED THE TRAUMA
15 BROUGHT ON BY THE SYSTEM DETERMINED TO INCARCERATE RATHER THAN
16 REHABILITATE US. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I ASK YOU TO REJECT THE
17 PROPOSALS TO BUILD THE NEW WOMEN'S VILLAGE AND BUILD HIGH
18 SECURITY MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. WE
19 NEED OUR VILLAGES ON THE OUTSIDE AND OUR COMMUNITIES TO
20 SUPPORT US AND HEAL US AND PREVENT US FROM GOING TO JAIL. WE
21 NEED OUR MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES, OUR HOSPITALS ON THE
22 OUTSIDE TO TAKE CARE OF US AND HELP US BE HEALTHY, PRODUCTIVE
23 MEMBERS OF OUR SOCIETY. SHERIFF BACA SAYS THAT BUILDING THESE
24 NEW JAILS WILL MAKE IT SAFER. I DON'T FEEL SAFER WITH MORE
25 JAILS. I FEEL SAFER KNOWING MY SISTERS AND BROTHERS ARE BEING



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1 CARED FOR BY OUR COMMUNITY. I FEEL SAFER KNOWING MY COMMUNITY
2 IS SUPPORTED NOT CRIMINALIZED BY OUR GOVERNMENT. I AM HERE TO
3 TELL YOU THAT OUR LIVES MATTER AND THAT WE ARE NOT JUST BODIES
4 TO THROW INTO YOUR CAGES. WE ARE MOTHERS, FATHERS, SISTERS,
5 BROTHERS, TEACHERS, HEALERS AND ARTISTS. WE ARE VALUABLE AND
6 WE BELIEVE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. I ASK THAT YOU BELIEVE AND
7 INVEST IN US, TOO. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] MA'AM?
10 (GAVEL). THE RULES OF THE ROAD, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, RAISE
11 THE ROOF. RAISE THE ROOF. APPLAUSE IS TRADITIONALLY NOT
12 ALLOWED IN THE BOARDROOM. ALL RIGHT? WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT
13 SPEAKER, PLEASE. FOLLOWED BY MEREDITH GORDON AND DEBORAH
14 BURTON. SIR?

15

16 **MARK ANTHONY JOHNSON:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MARK ANTHONY
17 JOHNSON. I'M WITH THE COALITION TO END SHERIFF VIOLENCE HERE,
18 I'M WITH THE NO NEW JAILS COALITION. THE UNDERLYING MESSAGE OF
19 THIS PROPOSAL, WHAT IT SENDS TO THE BLACK AND BROWN
20 COMMUNITIES WHO ARE THE MAJORITY OF FOLKS HOUSED IN THE LOS
21 ANGELES COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM IS THAT THE SOLUTION TO MENTAL
22 HEALTH IS A JAIL CELL. AND THAT'S BASED ON AN OLD MODEL. IT'S
23 BASED ON THE MODEL THAT ONCE AN ADDICT YOU'RE ALWAYS AN
24 ADDICT. IT'S BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT MENTAL HEALTH
25 DIAGNOSES DO NOT GO AWAY. IF WE LOOKED AT THE RESEARCH, IF WE



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1 LOOKED AT NEW MODELS THAT ARE OUT THERE, THE OLD MODEL HAS A
2 10 PERCENT SUCCESS RATE ONE YEAR OUT OF TREATMENT. NEW MODELS
3 OUT THERE THAT ARE BASED ON NUTRITION, THAT ARE BASED ON
4 INTEGRATED APPROACHES HAVE A 90 PERCENT SUCCESS RATE OUTSIDE
5 OF TREATMENT. AND THOSE MODELS ARE COMMUNITY-BASED. THEY'RE
6 NOT JAIL CELLS. AND WE NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY IN WHICH OUR
7 COUNTY AND WE'RE ASKING YOU AS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO IMAGINE
8 SOMETHING DIFFERENT AND PUT RESOURCES INTO A NEW WAY OF
9 LOOKING AT OUR COMMUNITIES.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY
12 HAVE AND WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER.

13

14 **ESTHER LIM:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ESTHER LIM FROM THE
15 A.C.L.U. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. WE COMMEND THE BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS FOR TAKING THE FIRST STEP IN REQUESTING THAT A
17 COMPREHENSIVE STUDY BE DONE. THE STUDY WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A
18 THOROUGHLY VETTED AND COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF ALL THE
19 COUNTY'S INCARCERATION NEEDS ADDRESSED IN A SINGLE DOCUMENT.
20 THE OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY WAS TO FIND OUT WHO IS INSIDE OUR
21 JAILS, WHO WILL BE ENTERING OUR JAILS AND WHO SHOULD BE IN OUR
22 JAILS. HOWEVER, IT WAS DISAPPOINTING TO LEARN THAT THE
23 COUNTY'S EXECUTIVE OFFICE HIRED A CONSTRUCTION GROUP TO DO
24 THAT COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT. IT WAS NOT SURPRISING THAT A
25 CONSTRUCTION COMPANY IN ITS REPORT PROPOSED FIVE OPTIONS ALL



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1 INVOLVING CONSTRUCTION COSTING BILLIONS. VANIR IS NOT AN
2 AUTHORITY ON LOOKING AT ALTERNATIVES BUT AN AUTHORITY IN
3 DESIGNING CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES. THE GOAL IS TWOFOLD. NUMBER
4 ONE, TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY SAFETY BY REDUCING RECIDIVISM. AND
5 THE NUMBER TWO IS TO DECREASE OPERATIONAL COSTS. THESE TWO
6 GOALS CAN BE ACHIEVED THROUGH ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION,
7 SUCH AS SPLIT SENTENCING AND THE DIVERSION OF THE MENTALLY
8 ILL. VANIR MERELY LISTED ALTERNATIVES. WE HAVE CALLED FOR AN
9 INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF THE VANIR REPORT BY J.F.A.
10 INSTITUTE, A COPY OF WHICH IS AVAILABLE TO YOU. THIS
11 ASSESSMENT, DRAWING ON THE EXPERTISE OF DR. AUSTIN, NOTES
12 SIGNIFICANT OVERSIGHTS AND MISINTERPRETATIONS IN VANIR'S
13 PROJECTIONS AND AVAILABLE RESEARCH. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
16 TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER. MA'AM?

17

18 **SIDNEY ROSS-RISDEN:** HELLO. MY NAME IS SIDNEY ROSS-RISDEN, I'M
19 FROM THE GLOBAL WOMEN'S STRIKE L.A. AS A WOMEN'S NETWORK, WE
20 URGE YOU NOT TO BUILD A NEW WOMEN'S JAIL IN L.A. COUNTY. IT'S
21 UNCONSCIONABLE THAT HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR A NEW
22 JAIL FOR WOMEN ARE BEING PRIORITIZED OVER DESPERATE SURVIVAL
23 NEEDS OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN. WITH THE SAFETY NET IN SHREDS AND
24 THE MINIMUM WAGE LEVEL SO LOW THAT FAMILIES CANNOT SURVIVE,
25 THE FASTEST GROWING POPULATION OF THOSE BECOMING HOMELESS IN



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1 L.A. COUNTRY ARE SINGLE MOTHERS AND CHILDREN. WOMEN ARE FORCED
2 TO DO WHATEVER WE CAN TO KEEP A ROOF OVER OUR HEADS AND FEED
3 OUR CHILDREN, RESULTING IN INCREASING NUMBERS OF MOMS BEING
4 CRIMINALIZED. WOMEN ARE ALSO THE FASTEST GROWING POPULATION OF
5 THOSE BEING INCARCERATED. THE VAST MAJORITY ARE SINGLE MOTHERS
6 WITH A DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT ON WOMEN OF COLOR. WOMEN DON'T
7 NEED A NEW JAIL. WE NEED RESOURCES TO STAY OUT OF JAIL,
8 BEGINNING IN COMMUNITIES WITH THE LEAST. WE NEED WELFARE,
9 HOUSING, HEALTHCARE AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS, SERVICES FOR OUR
10 CHILDREN AND ELDERLY DEPENDENTS AND RESOURCES TO HELP KEEP
11 FAMILIES TOGETHER. WE NEED ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS RATHER THAN
12 LOCKING MOMS AWAY IN WHICH MOTHERS CAN SERVE THEIR SENTENCES
13 IN THE COMMUNITY UNITED WITH THEIR CHILDREN. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
16 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. SIR?

17

18 **WALTER JOHNSON:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN. MY NAME IS WALTER
19 JOHNSON. I LIVE IN SANTA MONICA. I AM HERE TO URGE THE L.A.
20 COUNTY TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF JAIL CELLS THAT WE HAVE
21 OPERATING IN THIS COUNTY. INCARCERATION IS A RELATIVELY
22 UNPRODUCTIVE STRATEGY FOR REDUCING CRIME. EDUCATION IS MUCH
23 MORE PRODUCTIVE. SECONDLY, CRIMINAL ACTIVITY IS DECLINING IN
24 THE UNITED STATES IN THE LONG-TERM TREND. THAT INDICATES THAT



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1 WE WILL NEED FEWER PRISONS AND FEWER JAILS IN THE FUTURE
2 RATHER THAN MORE PRISONS AND MORE JAILS. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU. WE'LL TAKE THE
5 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MA'AM?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** THE BILLION DOLLAR PRICE TAG OF THE VANIR REPORT IS
8 THE BIGGEST SHOCKER BUT SOME OF THE INFORMATION IN THE REPORT
9 IS VERY INTERESTING. TO PUT THE PERCENTAGES IN CONTEXT, PLEASE
10 CONSIDER THAT IN APRIL 2013, THE SHERIFF REPORTED THAT 18,752
11 PEOPLE WERE INCARCERATED IN COUNTY JAIL. ACCORDING TO THE
12 VANIR REPORT, MOST OF THE PEOPLE IN COUNTY JAIL ARE IN THERE
13 FOR DRUG OFFENSES. 53 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE ARE AWAITING TRIAL
14 OR DISPOSITION OF THE CHARGES AND 13.1 PERCENT OF THOSE
15 PEOPLE, 1,292 HUMAN BEINGS HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR A TRIAL FOR
16 MORE THAN ONE YEAR. THE VANIR REPORT SAYS THAT 60 PERCENT OF
17 THE PEOPLE IN COUNTY JAIL NEED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, 75
18 PERCENT OF THOSE HAVE CO-OCCURRING SUBSTANCE ADDICTIONS. DO WE
19 KNOW WHETHER THE PEOPLE THAT ARE IN JAIL FOR SUBSTANCE, FOR
20 DRUG OFFENSES ARE THE MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE WHO HAVE SUBSTANCE
21 ADDICTIONS? THE VERA INSTITUTE REPORT OF 2011 WAS ATTACHED,
22 AND IT ENCOURAGES THE BOARD TO RELEASE MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE TO
23 ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING AND NOT PUT THEM IN JAIL. THANK YOU.

24



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
2 WE'LL PROCEED TO THE NEXT SPEAKERS. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:
3 MEREDITH GORDON, DEBORAH BURTON, JUAN PENA, KRUTI PARECK.
4 TANISHA DENARD. IF THOSE INDIVIDUALS WOULD COME FORWARD TO BE
5 HEARD, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH. THE FLOOR IS YOURS,
6 SIR. YOUR NAME? YES, SIR. MR. MUHAMMAD, PLEASE PROCEED.

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8 **AAZIM MUHAMMAD:** GOOD MORNING.

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING.

11

12 **AAZIM MUHAMMAD:** IN THE WAKE OF THE TRAYVON MARTIN CASE, WHICH
13 SHOWS A DISPARITY IN OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, WE ASK YOU,
14 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TODAY, TO LOOSEN THE ROPE. LOOSEN
15 THE ROPE AND END MASS INCARCERATION AND GIVE US AN OPTION THAT
16 INCLUDES COMMUNITY-BASED SOLUTIONS. THERE ARE NO COMMUNITY-
17 BASED SOLUTIONS IN THIS PLAN. SO WE ASK YOU TO GIVE US AN
18 OPTION NUMBER 6. I WILL FORWARD TO YOU A COPY OF OUR
19 "COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS," WHICH HAS IN IT AN ARTICLE WHICH
20 DEALS WITH MASS INCARCERATION OF AFRO-AMERICAN WOMEN UNDER THE
21 NEW JIM CROW. THIS COMES WITH A RESEARCH OF OPINIONS OF PEOPLE
22 IN THE COMMUNITY WHO SAYS WE DON'T NEED ANY MORE JAILS. SO WE
23 ASK YOU, M.R.T. AND THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS WANT TO KNOW: ARE
24 YOU GOING TO LEAVE US HANGING? OR ARE YOU GOING TO LOOSEN THE
25 ROPE? THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

3

4 **DEBORAH BURTON:** MY NAME IS DEBORAH BURTON.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES, MA'AM.

7

8 **DEBORAH BURTON:** GOOD MORNING. I'M HERE TO ASK YOU TO STOP THE
9 CONSTRUCTION OF THE WOMEN'S VILLAGE, REJECT THE 100 MILLION
10 A.B.900 FUNDS FROM THE STATE. IT'S OFFENSIVE THAT THIS NEW SET
11 OF CAGES FOR WOMEN IS BEING CALLED A VILLAGE INSTEAD OF A
12 JAIL. THE SHERIFF IS CLAIMING THAT HE CAN PROVIDE WOMEN WITH
13 THE BEST MENTAL HEALTH, EDUCATIONAL AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS SO
14 HE CAN MAKE A MONEY AND POWER GRAB. BUT JAILS THEMSELVES ARE
15 BAD FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS AND THEY CAUSE DAMAGING
16 DESTABILIZATION FOR INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES.
17 THESE WOMEN, MOSTLY POOR WOMEN AND WOMEN OF COLOR, WILL BE
18 BETTER SERVED BY OUTSIDE PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT PEOPLE TO BUILD
19 A LIFE IN THEIR COMMUNITY INSTEAD OF REMOVING THEM FROM IT.
20 WOMEN NEED AFFORDABLE HOUSING, GOOD SCHOOLS FOR THEIR
21 CHILDREN, JOB OPPORTUNITIES, DAYCARE PROGRAMS AND SUPPORTIVE
22 SERVICES, NOT ANOTHER JAIL. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
25 WE'LL PROCEED TO THE NEXT SPEAKERS. I WANT TO CALL BRIGHAM



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1 JOHNSON, JAMES PORTER, DANIEL HEALY, JOSEPH MAIZLISH. IF THOSE
2 INDIVIDUALS WOULD COME FORWARD, KEI UTSUMI. MA'AM?

3

4 **MEREDITH GORDON:** MY NAME IS MEREDITH GORDON. I CAME BECAUSE I
5 HAD TO. I'M NOT INVOLVED WITH ANY OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS AS A
6 MEMBER. BUT WHAT I READ ABOUT, WHAT I HEAR ABOUT IN OUR
7 PRISONS, WHAT'S ALLOWED TO GO ON IS -- WHERE'S THE HUMANITY?
8 AND TO COME TO THIS BOARD AND TO SAY TO YOU: ISN'T THE TIME
9 COME TO BREAK THIS UP AND TO THINK DIFFERENTLY AND TO TAKE
10 THAT MONEY AND TO SAVE LIVES AND BUILD FUTURES. I'M A
11 GRANDMOTHER. I'M A MOTHER. I'VE ALWAYS BEEN INVOLVED IN MY
12 COMMUNITY FOR OTHER PEOPLE. WE HAVE TO BE INVOLVED WITH EACH
13 OTHER AND CARE. ANYBODY I ASK TO SIGN A PETITION, ANYBODY I
14 WALKED AROUND WITH A PETITION FOR, FOLK DANCING, EVERYBODY
15 SIGNED IT. EVERYBODY IS JUST ILL. AND WHEN DID MENTAL HEALTH
16 END UP BEING THE JOB OF PRISONS? IT WAS PROMISED TO US TO BE
17 IN EVERY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER THAT PEOPLE WOULD BE
18 CARED FOR AND NEVER AGAIN. NOW IT'S IN PRISONS?

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

21

22 **MEREDITH GORDON:** HOW COULD THAT HAPPEN?

23



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,
2 MA'AM. WE APPRECIATE YOUR BEING HERE TODAY. CALL THE NEXT
3 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

4

5 **TANISHA DERNARD:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS TANISHA, I'M WITH
6 THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. AND I'M HERE TO DEMAND THAT YOU
7 STOP THE EXPANSION OF L.A. JAILS AND INVEST IN OUR YOUTH. IT'S
8 A SHAME THAT I'VE BEEN HERE SEVERAL TIMES, AND TIME OVER TIME
9 WE TALK ABOUT EXPANDING JAILS. WHEN AM I GOING TO COME HERE
10 AND WE TALK ABOUT EXPANDING COLLEGES OR EXPANDING PROGRAMS
11 FROM OUR COMMUNITY? ANOTHER THING THAT I WOULD LIKE TO DEMAND
12 IS THAT EVERY TIME WHEN PEOPLE UP HERE GIVING PROPOSALS, Y'ALL
13 GOT YOUR FULL ATTENTION, BUT THEN WHEN IT'S PUBLIC COMMENT,
14 YOU'RE ALL ON YOUR PHONE, YOU'RE ALL POURING COFFEE. YOU'RE
15 ALL SUPPOSED TO BE FOR US BUT YOU'RE ALL NOT EVEN LISTENING TO
16 US. SO I JUST DEMAND THAT YOU STOP THE EXPANSION OF ALL THE
17 JAILS AND REALLY LISTEN TO WHAT WE GOT TO SAY. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE
20 APPRECIATE YOUR TESTIMONY. ANY TIME YOU WANT TO PUT A BROTHER
21 ON BLAST, IT'S ALL RIGHT. [LAUGHTER.] NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **JUAN PENA:** HELLO. MY NAME IS JUAN PENA AND I'M WITH THE YOUTH
24 JUSTICE COALITION. AND STOP THE JAIL AND PRISON EXPANSION. AND
25 LET'S START TALKING ABOUT HOW THAT MONEY COULD GO TO THE



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1 COMMUNITY AND BUILD COMMUNITY CENTERS AND CREATE JOBS FOR OUR
2 COMMUNITY AND ALSO SOME OF THAT MONEY SHOULD ALSO GO FOR OUR
3 SCHOOLS, FOR BOOKS, TEACHERS, COUNSELORS AND ALSO PEACE
4 BUILDERS, AND NOT POLICE OFFICERS IN OUR SCHOOLS. THANK YOU
5 FOR YOUR TIME.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU, SIR, FOR YOUR
8 TESTIMONY. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. JOSEPH.

9

10 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** I'D LIKE TO WAIT FOR SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S
11 RETURN. MAY I PASS?

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

14

15 **BRIGHAM JOHNSON:** HI, MY NAME IS BRIGHAM JOHNSON, I LIVE AND
16 WORK IN SANTA MONICA. YOU'RE MAKING A DECISION THAT WILL HAVE
17 LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES. THE COMMUNITY IS COUNTING ON YOU TO
18 MAKE WISE FINANCIAL DECISIONS THAT ARE APPROPRIATE FOR THE
19 NEXT 10, 20, 30 YEARS. NEW PRISONS TAKE A LONG TIME TO PAY
20 OFF. ARE WE GOING TO NEED THIS EXTRA PRISON CAPACITY FOR THAT
21 LONG? THE COUNTRY IS CHANGING AS WE SPEAK. THE TREND IN DRUG
22 LAWS AND SENTENCING SHOWS THAT VERY SOON WE WON'T NEED THE
23 SAME PRISON CAPACITIES FOR DRUG OFFENDERS, HOPEFULLY. WE WILL
24 DETERMINE DIFFERENT WAYS OF HELPING THE MENTALLY ILL THAN
25 RESORTING TO MASS INCARCERATION. YOUR DECISION MUST CONSIDER



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1 THOSE FUTURE NEEDS BECAUSE THIS IS NOT A SHORT-TERM QUICK FIX.
2 MR. ANTONOVICH CITED AN L.A. TIMES STORY REGARDING INCREASES
3 IN VIOLENT CRIME. BUT DOES THAT ALSO CONSIDER THAT TODAY'S
4 MASS INCARCERATION RATES THAT IMPRISON FIVE, SIX, SEVEN TIMES
5 AS MANY AS WE USED TO FOR DRUG OFFENSES FOR CONSEQUENCES OF
6 MENTAL ILLNESS, THAT THESE WILL CHANGE? WHEN A PRESIDENT NAMES
7 JUSTICES TO THE SUPREME COURT, THAT MOMENTARY DECISION HAS
8 CONSEQUENCES LONG AFTER THAT PRESIDENT LEAVES OFFICE. LET'S
9 RECONSIDER WHAT IS CRIMINAL AND THE PURPOSE AND FUNCTION AND
10 EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
13 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MA'AM, PLEASE PROCEED.

14

15 **KRUTI PAREKH:** HI, GREETINGS. MY NAME IS KRUTI PAREKH, AND

16

17 **KAHLIL:** AND MY NAME IS KAHLIL.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** HEY, KAHLIL.

20

21 **KRUTI PAREKH:** WE'RE HAPPY TO BE WITH YOU HERE WITH YOU TODAY.
22 I'M HERE AS A MOTHER, AS AN ORGANIZER AND KAHLIL IS HERE AS
23 THE FUTURE OF LOS ANGELES. WE KNOW THAT THE PRISON EXPANSION,
24 ANY DOLLARS THAT WE'RE USING TOWARDS FEEDING THIS MASS
25 INCARCERATION IS A MISTAKE. IT'S A MISTAKE. WHEN PEOPLE THAT



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1 ARE LEADERS WITHIN THIS COMMUNITY HAVE GIVEN SOLUTION AFTER
2 SOLUTION AFTER SOLUTION TO TAKE ONE BY ONE PEOPLE OUT OF
3 LOCKUP, ONE BY ONE PEOPLE OUT OF LOCKUP, PLEASE WORK WITH US
4 TO GET PEOPLE OUT OF JAIL SO WE'RE NOT SPENDING NOT ONE MORE
5 DOLLAR ON ANY TYPE OF JAIL EXPANSION. YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE
6 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION JUST RECENTLY WROTE A STATEMENT, IT'S
7 CALLED "FROM FLORIDA TO LOS ANGELES: YOUTH OF COLOR STAND WITH
8 TRAYVON." WILL WE MAKE A MISTAKE TO PUT KAHLIL IN A SITUATION
9 WHERE HE MIGHT GET SHOT AND KILLED? IT'S THE SAME THING FOR
10 US. THE NEXT YOUNG PERSON THAT GETS PUT INTO L.A. COUNTY JAIL
11 IS A MISTAKE. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]
14 ALL RIGHT. WE PERMITTED THE APPLAUSE FOR KAHLIL. ANYBODY
15 OLDER, HOLD ON FOR A MINUTE. [APPLAUSE.] (LOUD CHEERING).
16 ANYBODY OLDER THAN KAHLIL, JUST RAISE THE ROOF. NEXT SPEAKER,
17 PLEASE.

18

19 **JAMES PORTER:** HI. MY NAME IS JAMES PORTER. I'M A MEMBER OF
20 L.A. CAN. I'M HERE TO ASK YOU TO STOP THE EXPANSION OF THE
21 JAIL. THE REASON WHY, LET ME BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION THAT WHEN
22 PEOPLE GET RELEASED FROM JAIL, THEY HAVE NO HOUSING. THEY HAVE
23 A CRIMINAL RECORD. AND THEN THEY'LL BE FORCED TO DO THE SAME
24 THINGS OVER AND OVER AGAIN BECAUSE THEY CAN'T FIND NO JOBS.
25 THE SOLUTION IS FINDING A WAY TO STOP THEM FROM GOING TO JAIL.



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1 THAT MONEY THAT YOU HAVE TO BUILD JAILS, YOU CAN PUT IN THE
2 COMMUNITY. FIND A SOLUTION. FIND A WAY TO STOP PEOPLE FROM
3 GOING TO JAIL. AS THE UNITED STATES IS ONE OF THE RICHEST
4 NATIONS IN THE WORLD, THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM. THERE SHOULD
5 BE A SOLUTION FOR SOLVING AND FINDING WAYS INSTEAD OF SETTLE
6 FOR A JAIL AND MAKING MORE BEDS, THEY SHOULD DECREASE BEDS.
7 THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU, SIR. ALL RIGHT.
10 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. AND YOU WILL BE FOLLOWED BY MARY SUTTON,
11 DIANA ZUNIGO, MELLO DESIRE, ZELLIKA SAVAGE. AND NANNIE
12 WILKERSON, IN THAT ORDER. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IF THOSE
13 PERSONS WHOSE NAMES I JUST CALLED WOULD COME FORWARD, WE
14 APPRECIATE IT. THE FLOOR IS YOURS, SIR.

15

16 **DANIEL HEALY:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
17 DANIEL HEALY. I'M A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 1. AND MY BROTHER, HE
18 WAS AN INMATE AT L.A. COUNTY JAIL FOR SIX MONTHS. AND WHILE
19 THERE, HE EXPERIENCED AND ALSO ENGAGED IN VIOLENCE. AND ONCE
20 HE CAME OUT, HE WAS VERY VIOLENT AND UNSTABLE. AND HE LIVED
21 WITH ME AT THE TIME SO I HAD TO KIND OF DEAL WITH THAT. HE WAS
22 DIAGNOSED WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. HE'S NOW RECEIVING COMMUNITY-
23 BASED TREATMENT THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH'S
24 F.S.P. PROGRAM AND HE IS STABLE NOW AND BECOMING MORE
25 FUNCTIONAL. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO INVEST IN COMMUNITY-BASED



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1 SOLUTIONS, NOT NEW JAILS. WE CAN SEE BETTER OUTCOMES AND
2 REDUCE RECIDIVISM. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO SEND YOUR STAFF
3 REPRESENTATIVES TO VISIT THE REENTRY COALITIONS THAT ARE NOW
4 FORMING IN DISTRICTS 2 AND 3 IN THE CITIES OF SOUTH LOS
5 ANGELES, INGLEWOOD, PASADENA, MONROVIA, DUARTE, AND EL MONTE.
6 WE ARE BUILDING A COMMUNITY-BASED INFRASTRUCTURE AND INVITE
7 YOU TO BE A PART OF IT. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU. AND WE'LL TAKE THE
10 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. PLEASE COME FORWARD. SIR?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. PRISONS OR JAILS ADD TO CREATE CONDITIONS --

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR NAME, SIR?

15

16 **SPEAKER:** -- HUMAN ALIENATION AND MENTAL HEALTH. USE THE MONEY
17 FOR THERAPEUTIC TREATMENT OUTSIDE OF PRISON. REJECT THE
18 A.B.900 \$100 BILLION FROM THE STATE. JAILS ARE BY NATURE ANTI-
19 HUMANITY ENVIRONMENT. JAILS BREAK UP FAMILY UNITY AND CAUSE
20 UNNECESSARY SUFFERING. ALL PRISONERS ARE HUMAN BEINGS THAT
21 HAVE HUMAN RIGHTS. IN THE NAME OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF
22 HUMAN RIGHTS, THE U.N. DECLARATION, STOP ALL NEW PRISON
23 CONDITIONS AND SHIFT THE FUNDS TO COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS.
24 THERE IS NO HUMAN RIGHTS IN JAIL OR PRISON. YOU CANNOT HAVE A
25 DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY BASED ON AUTHORITATIVE, MASS INCARCERATION.



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1 SOCIETY NEEDS TO SHIFT THE MOMENTUM FROM MASS INCARCERATION TO
2 A NEW HUMAN PROGRAM THAT INCARCERATE OVERWHELMINGLY -- SOCIETY
3 NEEDS TO SHIFT FROM A PROGRAM THAT INCARCERATES OVERWHELMINGLY
4 POOR PEOPLE THAT END UP IN PRISON TO A NEW HUMANE PROGRAM.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SIR?

7

8 **SPEAKER:** BUT SHERIFFS AS PRISON GUARDS AND OUTSIDE OF PRISONS
9 BY NATURE USE FORCE AND TOO OFTEN BRUTE FORCE TO MAINTAIN
10 THEIR NONDEMOCRATIC AUTHORITY.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
13 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MA'AM?

14

15 **MELLO DESIRE:** HI MY NAME IS MELLO DESIRE. I WANT TO POINT OUT
16 A ALTERNATIVE INITIATIVE STARTING WITH YOUTH. KIDS ARE NOT
17 BORN BAD. THE THREE JUVENILE CENTERS THAT START OFF WITH
18 CENTRAL AND EAST LAKE, WHICH IS THE OLDEST AND THEN BARRY
19 NORDOFF IN SYLMAR ENDING WITH LAS PADRINOS IN DOWNEY, THEY ARE
20 OVERWHELMINGLY UNDERSTAFFED BUT AT THE SAME TIME THEY HAVE A
21 30 PERCENT OF 37 MILLION BUDGET THAT'S GOING INTO THEM. YET
22 YOU HAVE PROBATION OFFICERS LIKE DUANE JORDAN, WHO WAS
23 CONVICTED OF BEATING UP A 13-YEAR-OLD IN LOS PADRINOS AND MANY
24 HORROR STORIES THAT ARE NOT REPORTED, YET WE ARE STILL
25 CONFINING THESE YOUTH TO CAGES. WE NEED TO GIVE THEM



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1 ALTERNATIVES, ESPECIALLY LOS ANGELES BEING ENTERTAINMENT
2 CAPITAL OF THE WORLD, WE SHOULD BE NUMBER 1 IN GIVING
3 PERFORMING ARTS RESOURCE CENTERS, AT LEAST GIVE THESE KIDS A
4 CHANCE SO THEY DON'T BE OUT ON THE STREETS AND END UP LIKE
5 TRAYVON OR END UP IN GANGS. WE NEED TO GIVE THESE KIDS
6 SOMETHING ELSE TO DO. AND THAT IS OUR INITIATIVE TO HELP,
7 STARTING WITH THE YOUTH, SO THEY DON'T GRADUATE TO THINGS LIKE
8 CENTRAL AND TWIN TOWERS WHERE THEY ARE PACKED LIKE SARDINES.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
11 TESTIMONY, AND WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. PROCEED.
12 YOUR NAME?

13

14 **DIANA ZUNIGA:** MY NAME IS DIANA ZUNIGA AND I AM REPRESENTING
15 CURB AND L.A. NO MORE JAILS. I'M SURE THAT YOU ALL HAVE HEARD
16 ALL OF THE RECENT THINGS THAT ARE GOING ON WITHIN OUR PRESENT
17 SYSTEM, THE HUNGER STRIKE, THE 156 WOMEN THAT WERE STERILIZED
18 WITHIN OUR SYSTEM, THE OUTBREAK OF VALLEY FEVER. AND I THINK
19 WE'RE IN A UNIQUE POINT IN OUR HISTORY THAT LOS ANGELES CAN
20 TAKE A STAND. STOP THE VIOLENCE WITHIN THE JAILS, WITHIN THE
21 SYSTEM AND STOP THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL FACILITIES. WE
22 ARE HERE TO SAY NO TO THE \$1.4 MILLION CONSTRUCTION PROJECT
23 AND YES TO COMMUNITY SERVICES IN OUR COMMUNITY. TODAY WE'RE
24 PRESENTING ALL OF YOU, WHICH SOME OF YOU ARE NOT PRESENT, WITH
25 QUESTIONS THAT WE WOULD URGE YOU TO ASK AND ANALYZE WITHIN THE



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1 REPORT. THERE ARE NO POLICY CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN WITHIN THE
2 VANIR REPORT. THERE ARE ALSO NO ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION
3 THAT ARE EVEN TALKED ABOUT. YOU ALL TALKED ABOUT IMPLEMENTING
4 3,400 BEDS, REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE IN THERE, AND THAT'S
5 NOT IN THE PROPOSAL AT ALL. WE'RE ALSO HERE TO GIVE YOU ALL A
6 LETTER WITH OVER 1,000 PEOPLE THAT HAVE SIGNED ON IN 100
7 ORGANIZATIONS. WE ARE ASKING THAT YOU STOP THE CONSTRUCTION OF
8 THE WOMEN'S VILLAGE, EXPAND GOOD TIME CREDITS, ALLOW WOMEN TO
9 PARTICIPATE IN A FAMILY REUNIFICATION PROGRAM AS OPPOSED TO
10 SPLITTING THEM UP FROM THEIR CHILDREN AND PUTTING THEM IN JAIL
11 AND USE A.B.109 FUNDING FOR ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION.
12 AGAIN, WOMEN AND ALL PEOPLE NEED SERVICES, PROGRAMS, EDUCATION
13 AND SUPPORT WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
16 [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU, ALL RIGHT? ALL RIGHT, I'M GOING TO SAY
17 IT AGAIN. ANYBODY OLDER THAN THAT YOUNG MAN WHO CAME NEEDS TO
18 RAISE THE ROOF. I'M GOING TO SEND HIM OUT HERE TO DISCIPLINE
19 YOU IN A MOMENT. THE LITTLE ONE, HE CAN HANDLE YOU ALL. ALL
20 RIGHT. PROCEED.

21

22 **ZELICKA SAVAGE:** HELLO, MY NAME IS ZELICKA SAVAGE. I'M A
23 RESIDENT AT A NEW WAY OF LIFE. I AM A PART OF A.B.109. AND I
24 OPPOSE THE JAIL SYSTEM BECAUSE JAIL DOESN'T WORK. IT DIDN'T
25 WORK FOR ME. BUT TREATMENT DOES. I'M UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF



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1 SUSAN BURTON. THERE'S PROJECTS THERE WHERE IF YOU ARE IN
2 PRISON, YOUR MENTAL STATE ABILITY IS BLANK. YOU DON'T HAVE A
3 CONCEPT OF LIFE. BUT WHEN YOU GO TO A REENTRY PROGRAM, YOU
4 HAVE A NEW WAY OF DIRECTION, A STRUCTURE, BASICALLY JUST
5 GUIDANCE. AND THAT'S WHAT YOU NEED. WE DON'T NEED NO MORE
6 JAILS. I CAN'T FATHOM THAT. I CAN'T FATHOM MY KIDS BEING
7 LOCKED UP. I JUST OPPOSE THE JAIL SYSTEM.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

10

11 **ZELICKA SAVAGE:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WELL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
14 PLEASE. THANKS. GENERAL DOGON, BILAL ALI. ALICIA GEORGE.
15 SIREEIA EPPSCARMICHAEL. THOSE PERSONS WOULD COME FORWARD.
16 SHEILA PINKEL. IN THAT ORDER, PLEASE. MA'AM? ALL RIGHT.

17

18 **MARY SUTTON:** HI, MY NAME IS MARY SUTTON. I'M REPRESENTING
19 CRITICAL RESISTANCE, CALIFORNIANS UNITED FOR A RESPONSIBLE
20 BUDGET. INDEED EVEN CONSIDERING ANY ONE OF THESE OPTIONS WOULD
21 BE THE CRIME. ALL FIVE OPTIONS, EVEN THOUGH A RECENT REPORT
22 SAYS CRIME RATES IN LOS ANGELES ARE DOWN, ALL OPTIONS PROJECT
23 THE SAME JAIL POPULATION THAT WE HAVE TODAY 10 YEARS FROM NOW.
24 THE PLAN DOES NOT ADDRESS ANY POLICY CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN
25 PUT BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE -- A.C.L.U.,



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1 C.U.R.B., ALL THE WELL-FOUNDED STRATEGIES. AND WE WANT TO KNOW
2 WHERE IS THE A.B.109 MONEY? THE A.B.109 MONEY THAT COULD GO IN
3 THE COMMUNITY. \$124 MILLION IN THE FIRST YEAR, OVER 200
4 MILLION IN THE SECOND YEAR AND A PROJECTED OVER 300 MILLION IN
5 THE THIRD YEAR. THIS MONEY CAN GO INTO THE COMMUNITY. THAT IS
6 A LOT OF MONEY TO ADDRESS COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS, NOT JAIL
7 EXPANSION. WE DEMAND THAT YOU PUT A.B.109 MONEY. AND WE WANT
8 TO SEE A FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE FIRST YEAR A.B.109 MONEY. WE
9 DON'T KNOW WHERE IT IS. IS IT IN THE BANK EARNING INTEREST? IS
10 THE VANIR CONSTRUCTION COMPANY GOING TO GET MORE MONEY? ARE
11 THEY GOING TO INVEST IN THE LEASE REVENUE BONDS AND DOUBLE
12 THEIR DOLLARS OVER 30 YEARS? A.B.900 ARE CONSTRUCTION BONDS
13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. WE
15 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

16

17 **MARY SUTTON:** THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO ARE MAKING BIG MONEY
18 BUILDING A VILLAGE FOR WOMEN.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE'RE GOING TO
21 PROCEED TO THE NEXT ITEM. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. YOU
22 HAVE THE RIGHT TO EXPRESS YOURSELF AS FORCEFULLY AS YOU
23 DESIRE, OBVIOUSLY. BUT IF YOU ARE UNDER THE MISTAKEN
24 IMPRESSION THAT WE'RE NOT HEARING OR LISTENING, IT IS
25 PRECISELY THAT: MISTAKEN. YOU MAY PROCEED.



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2 **NANNIE WILKERSON:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN. GOOD
3 MORNING, COUNCIL. I OPPOSE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE JAIL.
4 EXCUSE ME MY NAME IS NANNIE WILKERSON. I'M HERE AS AN INTERN
5 FROM A NEW WAY OF LIFE AND I ALSO AM A MEMBER OF ALL OF US OR
6 NONE. BUILDING THE JAILS DOES NOT REDUCE OVERCROWDING. IF
7 THERE'S 1,156 BEDS THAT ARE GOING TO BE AVAILABLE, YOU CAN
8 JUST BELIEVE WITHIN A YEAR TO TWO YEARS THAT THERE WILL BE --
9 THOSE BEDS WILL BE DOUBLED. MEANING THAT THERE WILL BE FOUR
10 PEOPLE IN EACH ROOM. AND WHY IS THIS GOING TO HAPPEN? BECAUSE
11 THE SYSTEM WILL FIND A WAY OR MEANS OR SOME TYPE OF
12 JUSTIFICATION TO INCREASE THE HOUSING. INSIDE THE JAILS, THERE
13 ARE PEOPLE IN THERE THAT ARE BEING NEGLECTED AND SEXUALLY
14 MOLESTED AND VIOLATED. THESE THINGS NEED TO BE TAKEN INTO
15 CONSIDERATION. USING THE WORD "VILLAGE" IS VERY OFFENSIVE
16 BECAUSE MOST OF THE PEOPLE THAT YOU'RE GOING TO PLACE INSIDE
17 THESE JAILS WILL BE PEOPLE OF MINORITY OR PEOPLE OF COLOR. AND
18 SO USING THE WORD "VILLAGE" IS VERY DEGRADING. AND I BELIEVE
19 THAT THERE'S SOME TYPE OF SECRET CODE HIDDEN UNDERNEATH USING
20 THE USE OF THE TERM VILLAGE. IT'S THE VERY INSTITUTION THE
21 AUSTIN REPORTS HAVE SHOWN THAT THEY HAVE WAY TO HELP
22 CALIFORNIA SAVE MONEY. CAN WE NOT USE THOSE? THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AS A MATTER
25 OF FACT, WITH RESPECT TO THE AUSTIN REPORT, IT'S ALREADY IN



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1 THE MIX IN TERMS OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S CONSCIOUSNESS.
2 YOU MAY RECALL SEVERAL MONTHS BACK THAT THE SHERIFF'S
3 DEPARTMENT, SPECIFICALLY SHERIFF BACA, RECEIVED IT, REVIEWED
4 IT FAVORABLY. IT WOULD NOT BE SURPRISING TO ME TO SEE THAT
5 SOME OF THOSE INSIGHTS AND THE LIKE ARE ULTIMATELY INTEGRATED
6 INTO THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE ITEM THAT'S BEFORE US. THIS
7 IS NOT BEING ACTED ON TODAY. WE ARE ESSENTIALLY HEARING THE
8 REPORT AND ULTIMATELY REVIEWING IT FOR FURTHER ACTION AT A
9 FUTURE DATE. A POINT OF CLARIFICATION ONLY. WE'RE GOING TO
10 TAKE THE NEXT SPEAK SPEAKER. I'M GOING TO START HERE, MA'AM,
11 AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO SWEEP TO YOUR RIGHT.

12

13 **ALICIA GEORGE:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ALICIA GEORGE. AND I OPPOSE
14 BUILDING ALL THESE JAILS BECAUSE THERE IS CHILDREN,
15 GRANDCHILDREN THAT I HAVE MYSELF THAT I DON'T WANT GOING INTO
16 THESE JAILS. IF THEY HAVE MENTAL PROBLEMS, THEY SHOULD BE ABLE
17 TO GO SOMEWHERE TO GET THE HELP BESIDES GOING TO JAIL TO GET
18 THE HELP. MENTAL PEOPLE HAVE PROBLEMS THAT CAN BE HELPED.
19 BEING CAGED IS NOT BEING HELPED. YOU NEED TO WRAP THAT UP.
20 THAT NEEDS TO BE WRAPPED UP SOON. \$900,000? \$100,000? IT DON'T
21 MATTER IF IT WAS MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. WHY CAN'T YOU GIVE THAT
22 TO CHILDREN FOR SCHOLARSHIPS? WHY CAN'T YOU DO TRANSITIONAL
23 HOUSING? SOME KIND OF WAY, A SELF-SUFFICIENT PROGRAM, THESE
24 OUTSIDE RESOURCE PROGRAMS, THEY WORK AT A CERTAIN AMOUNT. I
25 MEAN YOU CAN CALL 211 RIGHT NOW AND STILL BE HOMELESS BY 9:00



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1 TONIGHT. WHERE IS THE HELP? YOU CAN GO TO THE COUNTY BUILDING,
2 AND THEY MIGHT HELP YOU WITH A PLACE TO STAY OR THEY MIGHT
3 NOT. IF WE HAD MORE RESOURCES TO HELP WITH THIS MONEY THAT
4 YOU'RE TRYING TO BUILD ANOTHER JAIL WITH THAT WILL BE OPEN,
5 WHAT, IN SIX YEARS FROM NOW? WHAT DO WE NEED IT FOR?

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
8 TESTIMONY.

9

10 **ALICIA GEORGE:** WRAP IT UP. GET IT TOGETHER.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. LET ME OFFER THE
13 FOLLOWING INSIGHTS. A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO WE APPROVED A BUDGET
14 OF APPROXIMATELY \$25 BILLION HERE AT THE COUNTY BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS, WHICH IS BEFORE US ONLY A PORTION OF THE
16 RESOURCES THAT WE ARE CHARGED WITH OVERSEEING AND/OR
17 ULTIMATELY ADMINISTERING, ALLOCATING. IMPORTANT THING FOR
18 EVERYONE TO UNDERSTAND IS THIS IS A PART OF THE BUSINESS OF
19 THE COUNTY'S WORK. IT IS NOT THE TOTAL BUDGET. THE ADDITIONAL
20 POINT I WISH TO MAKE IS YOU HAVE PAID ATTENTION TO THE
21 ALLOCATIONS OF RESOURCES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, TRANSITIONAL
22 HOUSING, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND THE LIKE. AND IT IS THE
23 FULL INTENT OF THIS BOARD TO CONTINUE ADVOCACY AND DELIVERY ON
24 THOSE SPECIFIC FRONTS. I WANT TO MAKE THE ADDITIONAL POINT FOR
25 YOUR CONSIDERATION THAT JAILS ARE CLEARLY A NECESSITY. THE



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1 EXTENT OF WHAT THOSE JAILS ARE IS ANOTHER MATTER FOR DEBATE.
2 BUT THERE IS A HUMAN RIGHTS COMPONENT THAT CANNOT BE IGNORED
3 WITH RESPECT TO WHAT JAILS LOOK LIKE AND WHAT SERVICES THEY
4 ARE LEGALLY OBLIGED TO AFFORD. THE IMPORTANT POINT TO STAY
5 FOCUSED ON IS THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DOES NOT, SHOULD
6 NOT AND WILL NOT BE PUT IN THE POSITION OF THE STATE OF
7 CALIFORNIA WITH RESPECT TO THE STATE PRISON SYSTEM IN TERMS OF
8 COURT INTERVENTION CONTROLLING AND DIRECTING HOW OUR RESOURCES
9 ARE EXPENDED, THEREFORE WE END UP WITH A PRODUCT THAT IS LESS
10 ACCEPTABLE THAN WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO ADVANCE TODAY. I OFFER
11 THIS POINT OF VIEW FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. I DO NOT WISH TO
12 SUGGEST IT AT THE POINT OF SUGGESTING THAT YOU ARE EITHER
13 WRONG IN THE CONCLUSIONS THAT YOU HAVE DRAWN AT THIS POINT IN
14 TIME. IT SEEMS TO ME AT THIS TICK IN THE CLOCK OF THE
15 TESTIMONY, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED THAT WE ARE SEEKING TO MOVE
16 PROACTIVELY AND TAKE SOME OF THE BEST OF THE INSIGHTS THAT
17 WOULD BE OFFERED FROM ADVOCATES SUCH AS MANY OF YOU, EXPERTS
18 IN THE AREA OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, EXPERTS IN THE AREA OF MENTAL
19 HEALTH SERVICES; AND THIS IS A COMPREHENSIVE DISCUSSION. AND
20 THAT'S WHY WE ARE PROCEEDING IN A DELIBERATE WAY. THIS IS JUST
21 NOT A BUREAUCRATIC DISPOSITION OF THIS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT
22 MATTER. NOW, I MUST SAY THAT THE CLOCK HAS REACHED 12 NOON. I
23 SAID THAT WE WOULD BE DONE AT THIS POINT IN TIME. I WISH TO
24 INVITE YOUR COOPERATION AND TO GOVERN YOURSELVES ACCORDINGLY
25 WITH THE BREVITY OF THE BALANCE OF THE TESTIMONY. THE CHAIR



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1 WILL NOT TAKE ANY ADDITIONAL SUBMISSIONS. ALL THAT I HAVE
2 HERE, APPROXIMATELY 10, IS WHAT WE WILL HAVE, WHICH MEANS THAT
3 WE HAVE 10 MINUTES REMAINING OF PUBLIC COMMENT. WE'RE GOING TO
4 HEAR FROM THERON BIGLOW, SUSAN BURTON, FANYA BARUTI, MARY
5 SINGAUS, KAREN SHAIN, ANDRIANA BICANIN, KOKAYI KWA JITAHIDI.
6 SAMANTHA JENKINS. HEATHER O'BRIEN. CHARLSEEN POE. LYLE TALBOT
7 AND FINALLY, MICHAEL CARREON. NOW ANYONE WHO WISHES TO WAIVE,
8 THAT IS, TO PASS ON THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD, IT IS CLEARLY
9 YOUR PREROGATIVE TO DO SO. THOSE IN FRONT OF ME MAY PROCEED AT
10 THIS POINT IN TIME. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE EACH. SIR?

11

12 **GENERAL DOGON:** GOOD AFTERNOON MY NAME IS GENERAL DOGON, AND I
13 AM A RESIDENT AND CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZER ON SKID ROW. AND I AM
14 HERE TO ASK THAT YOU REJECT ANY PLANS TO BUILD MORE JAILS IN
15 MY COMMUNITY. CRIME IS DOWN IN MY COMMUNITY AND IT'S BEEN DOWN
16 FOR YEARS STRAIGHT, YET POOR FOLKS WITH AND WITHOUT MENTAL
17 DISABILITIES ARE BEING CRIMINALIZED DAILY UNDER THE SAFER
18 CITIES INITIATIVE, WHICH HAS BEEN DOING NOTHING BUT RUNNING A
19 RECYCLE SYSTEM, RECYCLING PEOPLE IN AND OUT OF JAIL WITH NO
20 REAL PERMANENT SOLUTIONS. THE TIME IS NOW TO INVEST IN
21 COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS AND PREVENTION. YOU ALREADY HAVE A
22 LOT OF CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN YOUR COUNTY JAILS
23 THAT ARE GOING ON RIGHT NOW THAT YOU HAVE YET TO ADDRESS. SO
24 TIME IS NOT NOW TO EXPAND; TIME IS NOW TO INVEST IN PREVENTION
25 AND COMMUNITY-BASED SOLUTIONS. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY
3 AND THE TIMELINESS OF YOUR REMARKS. MA'AM, LET'S PROCEED WITH
4 THE NEXT SPEAKER. DO YOU WISH TO BE HEARD? YOU HAVE TWO
5 WITNESSES WITH YOU. PROCEED.

6

7 **SIREEIA EPPSCARMICHAEL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SIREEIA
8 EPPSCARMICHAEL.

9

10 **JAVIER:** MY NAME IS JAVIER.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** HEY, JAVIER.

13

14 **SIREEIA EPPSCARMICHAEL:** AND I'M A VOLUNTEER WITH ALL OF US OR
15 NONE AND ALSO A RESIDENT AT NEW WAY OF LIFE TRANSITIONAL
16 CENTER. I'VE BEEN INCARCERATED AND BEEN TO ALL THREE OF YOUR
17 PRISONS. YOU SAID EARLIER THAT BUILDING JAILS WAS A NECESSITY.
18 THIS IS A NECESSITY: PROVIDING WOMEN WITH THE FOUNDATION TO BE
19 WITH THEIR CHILDREN IS A NECESSITY, NOT DIVIDING FAMILIES. I
20 WENT TO PRISON AND I'VE BEEN OUT ONLY TWO MONTHS AND THERE'S
21 BEEN NO RESOURCES TO ME AND MY CHILDREN. LIMITED TO NONE
22 RESOURCES. THIS IS RIDICULOUS. AND ON FRIDAY, JUNE 28, THE
23 POLICE CAME OUT TO OUR HOME WHERE WE LIVED AT 6:45, 7 O'CLOCK
24 IN THE MORNING FOR A COMPLIANCE CHECK. YOU ARE SPENDING YOUR
25 A.B.109 DOLLARS ON THIS. AND HE HAD HIS GUN OVER MY CHILD'S



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1 HEAD. AT 6:30 IN THE MORNING. HE PICKED MY CHILD UP OUT OF THE
2 BED AND TRAUMATIZED HIM. AND I KNOW IT'S PSYCHOLOGICALLY
3 TRAUMATIZING BECAUSE HE SPEAKS OF IT OFTEN AND HE REMEMBERS IT
4 VIVIDLY. SO THIS IS WHAT YOU'RE SPENDING YOUR DOLLARS ON? NO.
5 I OPPOSE THE A.B.109 BILL. YOU DON'T NEED TO BUILD MORE JAILS.
6 YOU NEED TO PROVIDE A VALID AND PRODUCTIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR
7 THESE CHILDREN TO THRIVE IN. NOT CAGES. THIS IS THE NEXT
8 GENERATION. WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT? THAT'S RIDICULOUS.

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY
11 VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.] ALL RIGHT. WE'RE GOING TO HEAR THE NEXT
12 SPEAKERS, PLEASE. ANYONE WISHING TO WAIVE CAN DO SO.

13

14 **BILAL ALI:** GOOD AFTERNOON, I'M BILAL ALI, I'M THE WEST COAST
15 COORDINATOR FOR THE NATIONAL HOOD ALLIANCE. AND I OPPOSE MORE
16 JAIL EXPANSION BECAUSE I THINK IT'S A FURTHERANCE OF RACIST
17 AND GENOCIDAL POLICIES. THE PEOPLE THAT ARE GOING TO BE MOST
18 IMPACTED BY THIS ARE PEOPLE OF COLOR SUCH AS YOURSELF AND
19 GLORIA MOLINA. AND I HAVE TO OPPOSE THIS OUT OF COMMON SENSE
20 THAT AS A COMMUNITY ORGANIZER, I HAVE TO WEIGH A POLICY. WHO
21 BENEFITS FROM THE POLICY? WHO LOSES FROM THE POLICY? THE
22 COMMUNITIES I ORGANIZE IN AND REPRESENT LOSING FROM THAT
23 POLICY. I HAVE A BLACK MAN, A CHICANA WOMAN AND A COUPLE OF
24 JEWISH PEOPLE UP HERE AND YOU'RE FURTHERING A GENOCIDAL AND A
25 HOLOCAUST. DO YOU REALLY WANT THAT AS YOUR LEGACY HERE? YOU



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1 KNOW WHO'S GOING TO BE MOSTLY IMPACTED BY THIS. SO I SEE THIS
2 AS A FURTHERANCE OF GENOCIDE, WHICH IS HISTORICAL. I SEE THIS
3 AS A HOLOCAUST, ZEV YAROSLAVSKY. AND WE ALREADY HAVE THE
4 BRUTALITIES IN THE JAIL YOU CAN'T ADDRESS. IT'S GOING TO CAUSE
5 MORE JAILS. IT'S GOING TO CAUSE MORE BRUTALITY. MORE LAWSUITS
6 THAT PEOPLE SITTING HERE IN THESE ORANGE SHIRTS ARE GOING TO
7 HAVE TO PAY FOR THROUGH THEIR TAX DOLLARS. SO I'M AGAINST JAIL
8 EXPANSION. STOP THE GENOCIDE. STOP THE RACISM AND STOP THE
9 HOLOCAUST. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
12 ALL RIGHT. LET'S PROCEED.

13

14 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** MY NAME IS JOE MAIZLISH. FIRST I'D LIKE TO
15 START OUT WITH A REMARK IN RESPONSE TO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.
16 I URGE YOU TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE PEW CENTER ON THE STATE'S
17 REPORT. IT'S CALLED TIME SERVED: THE HIGH COST, LOW RETURN OF
18 LONG PRISON TERMS, OR LONGER PRISON TERMS. IT SAYS PROGRAMS,
19 PROGRAMS FOR THOSE WHO MUST BE HELD IN CUSTODY BECAUSE OF
20 COMMUNITY DANGER AND PROGRAMS UPON RELEASE ARE THE THINGS THAT
21 DO REDUCE THE FUTURE CRIMES. AND, REMEMBER, WE'RE ALL, YOU
22 TOO, WE'RE ALL PROSPECTIVE VICTIMS. YOUR DUTY TO PUBLIC SAFETY
23 INVOLVES RETHINKING THESE THINGS. ABOUT THE VANIR REPORT, IT'S
24 A PRETTY GOOD REPORT WITHIN ITS LIMITATIONS, BUT IT'S
25 ESPECIALLY GOOD IF YOU READ IT BACKWARDS. WHAT DO I MEAN BY



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1 THAT? I'LL PICK ONE EXAMPLE. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, I THANK
2 YOU FOR DIRECTING OUR ATTENTION AND EVERYBODY'S TO THE MENTAL
3 HEALTH NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE IN THE JAIL. IN THAT SECTION OF THE
4 REPORT AND THE DEPUTIES DISTRIBUTED MY QUESTIONS I'D LIKE YOU
5 TO ASK VANIR AND SOME RESPONSES, I'D SAY "MENTAL HEALTH
6 SERVICES ARE GOING TO INCREASE THE NEED IN JAIL BECAUSE
7 THERE'S A LACK OF SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY." WELL WHAT'S
8 WRONG WITH THAT? I MEAN, THAT'S BACKWARDS. LET'S SERVE IN THE
9 COMMUNITY. YOU HAVE TO GET THE FUNDING. THE STATE HAS GOT IT.
10 THE COUNTY DOESN'T HAVE ALL THAT FUNDING. YOU ASK THESE PEOPLE
11 HERE, WE'LL HELP YOU CAMPAIGN FOR IT WITH THE STATE
12 LEGISLATORS AND ANY OTHER PLACE YOU NEED TO GO TO DO RIGHT.
13 DON'T DO WRONG JUST BECAUSE SOMEBODY IS GIVING YOU SOME MONEY
14 TO DO IT. LET'S FIGHT FOR THE MONEY TO DO RIGHT. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
17 TESTIMONY. WE'RE GOING TO MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. MA'AM?

18

19 **SHEILA PINKEL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SHEILA PINKEL, I'M
20 WITH L.A. NO MORE JAILS. I'M HERE BECAUSE I AM CONVINCED THAT
21 BUILDING MORE JAILS IS NOT THE SOLUTION; IT'S THE PROBLEM. 1
22 IN 10 CHILDREN TODAY IN THE UNITED STATES ARE IN FAMILIES WITH
23 A PARENT IN PRISON OR ON PAROLE OR ON PROBATION. SO THE
24 RAMIFICATIONS OF INCARCERATION ARE NOT ONLY FOR THE PEOPLE WHO
25 ARE BEING INCARCERATED BUT FOR THE NEXT GENERATION. AND WE



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1 CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT THAT EFFECT ON THE FUTURE OF THE PEOPLE IN
2 THIS COUNTRY IS GOING TO BE. IN ADDITION, SENTENCES IN THE
3 UNITED STATES ARE FIVE TO 12 TIMES LONGER THAN FOR SIMILAR
4 OFFENSES IN OTHER COUNTRIES. WE MUST STOP THIS INSANE SET OF
5 POLICIES THAT CONTINUES TO INCARCERATE PEOPLE. WE MUST HERE
6 TAKE UP SPLIT SENTENCING AS A POSSIBLE WAY TO REDUCE THE
7 PRISON POPULATION, AND WE MUST CONSIDER PRETRIAL RELEASE AS A
8 VIABLE OPTION TO INCARCERATION.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
11 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **THERON BIGLOW:** MY NAME IS THERON BIGLOW. GOOD MORNING TO YOU
14 ALL, FIRST OF ALL.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING.

17

18 **THERON BIGLOW:** I AM IN OPPOSITION OF BUILDING THE WOMEN'S
19 PRISONS. I BELONG WITH A GROUP CALLED ALL OF US OR NONE. AND
20 WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY IS THERE COULD BE A BETTER USAGE OF
21 THESE FUNDS ON THE CIVIL SIDE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
22 SOCIAL SERVICES. THEIR MOTTO IS TO ENRICH LIVES THROUGH CARING
23 AND COURTEOUS SERVICE. ON THE CIVIL SIDE, I DON'T BELIEVE JAIL
24 WOULD BE A VERY COURTEOUS THING TO DO. I BELIEVE YOU CAN PUT
25 BACK INTO THE PROGRAMS AND EMPOWER THE PEOPLE WHO WORK FOR THE



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1 COUNTY TO ASSIST THOSE WHO HAVE LESSER-THAN-DESIRABLE
2 LIFESTYLES. SO SOMETHING FOR YOU TO THINK ABOUT. THESE ARE
3 THINGS THAT CREATE CIVIL UNREST. BUT THAT WILL GO GOOD WITH
4 YOUR PLAN, BECAUSE THEN YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO PUT SOMEONE IN
5 THESE JAILS, RIGHT? I DON'T BELIEVE THAT'S A WISE THING TO DO.
6 RE-LOOK INTO YOUR POLICY. AND I KNOW YOU GUYS LOVE POLICY.
7 HAVE A GREAT MORNING.

8

9 **MARY SINGAUS:** HI, I'M MARY SINGAUS AND I'M COMING WITH A
10 CRITICAL RESISTANCE L.A., AND I CAME WITH A DIFFERENT TALK,
11 THE QUESTIONS THAT I WAS GOING TO GIVE YOU, BUT AT ANY RATE,
12 THE BASIC IDEA I'M HEARING IS THAT IN OUR COMMUNITY, WE COULD
13 PROVIDE SOLUTIONS TO RESTORE PEOPLE'S LIVES IN THEIR COMMUNITY
14 AND NOT CAUSE MORE HARM TO THESE COMMUNITIES. SINCE IT COSTS
15 \$43,000 A YEAR FOR EACH INMATE, LET YOU BE THE BOARD TO SAY:
16 LET'S STOP IT ALREADY. LET'S START FUNDING THESE OTHER ISSUES.
17 WE DON'T NEED TO GIVE THE SHERIFF THAT MUCH MONEY TO DO WHAT
18 HE'S DOING. THE TECHNICAL QUESTION I HAVE, I UNDERSTAND THAT
19 YOU CAN GIVE FUNDS TO THE SHERIFF AND THEN HE CAN DECIDE WHAT
20 TO DO WITH THEM. SO IF YOU WOULD TAKE NOT AS MUCH MONEY TO HIM
21 TO INCREASE COMMUNITY SERVICES, THEN THAT WOULD BE A WAY OF
22 RESISTING THIS CONSTANTLY JAILING OF THE MASSES. SO WE NEED
23 YOU TO SPEND LESS OF OUR TAX MONEY FOR NEW JAILS BUT MORE FOR
24 THE GOOD OF THE PEOPLE. THANK YOU.

25



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL TAKE
2 THE NEXT SPEAKER. MA'AM?

3

4 **ANDRIANA BICANIN:** MY NAME IS ANDRIANA BICANIN AND I'M WITH NO
5 NEW JAILS L.A. AND I'M HAPPY THAT YOU SAID THAT JAILS ARE
6 NECESSARY, BECAUSE ONE OF THE FEAR TACTICS USES THAT OF SAYING
7 L.A. COUNTY IS KEEPING SEX OFFENDERS OFF THE STREET. AND IF
8 ANY OF YOU ARE MILDLY AWARE OF HOW THE JUSTICE SYSTEM WORKS,
9 YOU KNOW THAT NOT ONLY IS RAPE UNDERREPORTED BUT WHEN IT IS,
10 THE SURVIVOR IS PUT ON TRIAL. AS A SURVIVOR OF RAPE AND
11 ASSAULT, I WOULD RATHER SEE MONEY PUT INTO COMMUNITY RESOURCES
12 THAT WILL STOP VIOLENCE AND MAKE IT SO NO OTHER PERSON HAS TO
13 LIVE THROUGH WHAT MILLIONS OF US HAVE. NONE OF MY ATTACKERS
14 ARE IN JAIL. NO ONE BELIEVED IT AND THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY
15 DID WAS WRONG. WE NEED EDUCATION BY STANDARD TRAINING,
16 COMMUNITY RESOURCES. THIS CAN STOP VIOLENCE. THIS CAN SAVE
17 LIVES. ALSO, A MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY RUN BY A NATIONALLY
18 KNOWN ABUSIVE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS ABSOLUTELY PREPOSTEROUS.
19 IT IS A CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY. YOU ARE CRIMINALIZING HUMAN
20 BEINGS AND FURTHER TRAUMATIZING THEM. IF YOU TRULY WANT TO BE
21 TOUGH ON CRIME, YOU WILL PROVIDE THE RESOURCES NEEDED TO STOP
22 IT FROM HAPPENING AND WAIT FOR IT TO HAPPEN AND THEN DO
23 SOMETHING IN AN EXTREMELY HALF-ASSED WAY AT IT TOO.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE
2 WILL PROCEED TO THE NEXT SPEAKER.

3

4 **SAMANTHA JENKINS:** HI, MY NAME IS SAMANTHA JENKINS AND THIS IS
5 MY DAUGHTER, SABRINA.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** HI.

8

9 **SAMANTHA JENKINS:** I OPPOSE THE EXPANSION OF BUILDING MORE
10 JAILS AND OVER POLICING IN OUR COMMUNITY. IN THE MORNING OF
11 JUNE 28, MY DAUGHTER AND I WERE ASLEEP AT A NEW WAY OF LIFE
12 WHEN WE WERE SUDDENLY AWAKENED BY LOUD BANGING NOISES. WHEN I
13 WOKE UP I SAW UNIFORMED POLICE OFFICERS WITH GUNS DRAWN. I SAW
14 THAT THEY WERE BANGING FLASHLIGHTS TO MAKE LOUD NOISES. I FELT
15 FRIGHTENED AND I RUSHED TO GET OUT OF MY BED. I WAS TOLD TO
16 SIT ON THE COUCH OUTSIDE MY BEDROOM WHILE OFFICERS LOOKED IN
17 THE AREA WHERE I SLEEP. MY DAUGHTER NOW TALKS EVERY DAY ABOUT
18 THE POLICE AND GUNS, DESCRIBING ALL THE LOUD NOISE THAT THE
19 OFFICERS MADE THAT DAY. I FELT AND STILL DO FEEL VIOLATED. I
20 FEEL THAT I HAVE NO CONTROL OVER MY LIFE AND PRIVACY.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
23 AND WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT PERSON TO BE HEARD, PLEASE. SIR, YOUR
24 NAME?

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1 **MICHAEL CARREON:** MY NAME IS MICHAEL CARREON. I'M A SUBSTANCE
2 ABUSE COUNSELOR FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES, SIR.

5

6 **MICHAEL CARREON:** INSTEAD OF MAKING NEW PRISONS, I THINK YOU
7 SHOULD OPEN MORE SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS. WE CLOSED THE WARM
8 SPRINGS PROGRAM. WE USED TO SERVICE 2,000 PEOPLE A YEAR. RIGHT
9 NOW WE'RE SERVICING 800 PEOPLE A YEAR. AND YOU CALLED IT A
10 CONSOLIDATION, NOT A CLOSURE. I THINK IT'S A SHAME THAT YOU'RE
11 PENNY WISE AND DOLLAR FOOLISH BY WANTING TO OPEN NEW PRISONS.
12 IF STATISTICS PROVE ONE THING, ALL YOU DO IS MAKE GOOD PEOPLE
13 INTO HARDENED CRIMINALS WHEN YOU PUT THEM IN PRISONS AND IN
14 JAILS. YOU HAVE NOTHING, YOU PUT THEM ON THE STREET, TELL THEM
15 BYE, THERE'S THE STREET, GO DO SOMETHING. I HAVE NO EDUCATION.
16 I GOT A CRIMINAL CHARGE NOW. SO I'M GOING TO GO OUT AND COMMIT
17 CRIMES. THAT'S ALL YOU DO. EDUCATE THESE PEOPLE. GIVE THEM
18 SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD. PUT THIS MONEY WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS
19 AND DO SOMETHING WITH IT. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. OUR NEXT SPEAKER,
22 PLEASE?

23

24 **FANYA BARUT:** YES, MY NAME IS FANYA BARUTI. I'M THE ORGANIZER
25 FOR ALL OF US OR NONE. AND I'M IN OPPOSITION OF THIS A.B.900



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1 MONIES GOING INTO BUILDING THE SO-CALLED VILLAGE. AS THE MANY
2 WOMEN THAT CAME UP HERE PRIOR TO, MANY OF THEM LIVE AT A NEW
3 WAY OF LIFE RANCH AND PROJECT. IT HAS BEEN A PROVEN FACT THAT
4 WHEN YOU WANT EVIDENCE-BASED SOMETHING TOWARD PEOPLE BEING
5 ABLE TO HAVE A CHANCE TO CHANGE, THAT IS THE VERY THING THAT I
6 HOPE YOU HAVEN'T MADE YOUR MINDS UP ON TO BUILD THIS NEW JAIL.
7 BECAUSE PEOPLE NEED A CHANCE TO BE IN SOCIETY TO DO WHAT IS
8 RIGHT TO DO ONCE THEY HAVE REINTEGRATED. SO BUILDING ANOTHER
9 JAIL IS NOT THE SOLUTION. THOSE MONIES SHOULD GO INTO THE
10 COMMUNITY SO THAT PEOPLE CAN REALLY THRIVE IF YOU ALLOW IT. SO
11 I HOPE YOU HAVEN'T MADE YOUR MINDS UP YET AND THAT YOU'RE
12 REALLY LISTENING TO WHAT THE PUBLIC HAS TO SAY.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
15 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16

17 **HEATHER O'BRIEN:** YES, MY NAME IS HEATHER O'BRIEN AND I STAND
18 BEFORE YOU TODAY AS AN ARTIST AND L.A. RESIDENT AND MOST
19 IMPORTANTLY A FEMINIST. I'M ALSO A SUPPORTER OF CRITICAL
20 RESISTANCE AND STAND IN ALLIANCE WITH THEM HERE TODAY. IT IS
21 COMPLETELY OFFENSIVE THAT THIS NEW SET OF CAGES FOR WOMEN IS
22 BEING CALLED A VILLAGE INSTEAD OF A JAIL. THE SHERIFF IS
23 CLAIMING THAT HE CAN PROVIDE WOMEN WITH THE BEST MENTAL
24 HEALTH, EDUCATIONAL AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS SO HE CAN MAKE
25 MONEY AND A POWER GRAB. BUT JAILS THEMSELVES ARE BAD FOR



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1 MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS AND THEY CAUSE DAMAGING DESTABILIZATION
2 FOR INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES. THESE WOMEN, MOSTLY
3 POOR WOMEN AND WOMEN OF COLOR, WILL BE BETTER SERVED BY
4 OUTSIDE PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT PEOPLE TO BUILD A LIFE IN THEIR
5 COMMUNITY INSTEAD OF REMOVING THEM FROM IT. WOMEN NEED
6 AFFORDABLE HOUSING, GOOD SCHOOLS FOR THEIR CHILDREN, JOB
7 OPPORTUNITIES, DAYCARE PROGRAMS, AND SUPPORT SERVICES, NOT
8 ANOTHER JAIL. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY
11 AND WE'LL PROCEED TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. SIR?

12

13 **KOKAYI KWA JITAHIDI:** THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
14 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KOKAYI KWA JITAHIDI. AND
15 TODAY I REPRESENT -- I ACTUALLY JUST DROVE DOWN FROM CAMP
16 KILPATRICK SPEAKING TO MANY OF YOUR YOUTH IN THE FREEDOM
17 SCHOOL PROGRAM. AND WHEN I FOUND OUT WHAT WAS ON THE AGENDA, I
18 HAD TO DRIVE DOWN HERE VERY FAST, AS FAST AS I COULD ON THE
19 101 FREEWAY TO GET HERE. AS SOMEONE WHO HAS A SISTER THAT IS
20 SERVING A VERY LONG SENTENCE, AS SOMEONE WHOSE MOTHER HAS GONE
21 THROUGH THE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM IN L.A. COUNTY, I CAN'T TELL
22 YOU HOW DISTURBING IT IS TO HEAR THAT L.A. COUNTY, WITH MANY
23 OF YOU WHO RAN AND CAMPAIGNED AND DEDICATED YOUR LIFE IN TERMS
24 OF REENTRY AND GIVING PEOPLE SECOND CHANCES, THAT WE'RE STILL
25 HAVING THE SAME OLD CONVERSATIONS AROUND USING THE PRISON



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1 SYSTEM AS A SOLUTION TO MENTAL HEALTH. I THINK CHAIRMAN
2 RIDLEY-THOMAS, I APPRECIATE YOUR EXPLANATION, BUT YOU CAN
3 APPRECIATE THIS. WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR IS NOT POLITICS AS
4 USUAL. WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR RIGHT NOW, WHAT THE FOLKS IN
5 ORANGE ARE LOOKING FOR, IS WHO HAS THE MORAL AND ETHICAL
6 STANDING AND COURAGE IN THE COUNTY TO SAY: NO MORE JAILS. NO
7 MORE INCARCERATION. NO MORE VERY NARROW AND INVALID APPROACHES
8 TO MENTAL HEALTH. THAT'S WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR.

9

10 **CROWD:** NO MORE JAILS.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** HOLD ON ONE MOMENT. NEXT
13 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **SUSAN BURTON:** MY NAME IS SUSAN BURTON AND I'M THE EXECUTIVE
16 DIRECTOR OF A NEW WAY OF LIFE REENTRY PROJECT. I'M ALSO A
17 COMMISSIONER ON THE SYBIL BRAND FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS
18 AND A MEMBER OF ALL OF US OR NONE. SO A MINUTE JUST ISN'T LONG
19 ENOUGH. SO I JUST WANT TO PUT IT OUT THERE FOR ALL OF THE
20 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT WE NEED TO TAKE SOME OF THIS
21 CONVERSATION INTO THE COMMUNITY, OPEN UP SOME DAYS OF DIALOGUE
22 AND TALK IN DEPTH ABOUT WHAT THE COMMUNITY IS GOING THROUGH,
23 ITS FRUSTRATIONS AND TRYING TO HAVE A HEALTHY AND HAPPY
24 ENVIRONMENT FOR ITS MEMBERS. I ALSO HAVE THESE DECLARATIONS
25 THAT I WANT TO SUBMIT TO YOU FROM THE RESIDENTS OF A NEW WAY



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1 OF LIFE AROUND THE EXPERIENCE WITH THE COMPLIANCE CHECKS. I
2 OPPOSE THE NEW JAILS. YOU KNOW, I HAVE THIS MOTION HERE THAT'S
3 BEEN PUT FORTH BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AROUND JOB
4 HIRING. AND THESE ARE THE TYPE OF MOTIONS THAT WE NEED. THIS
5 IS THE TYPE OF JOB HIRING THAT WE NEED JOBS. WE NEED PLACES IN
6 THE COMMUNITY. WE NEED MANY, MANY THINGS BESIDES JAILS.
7 SUPERVISOR, I SPENT FOUR HOURS IN C.R.D.F. YESTERDAY WITH
8 TERRI MCDONALD. AND IT WAS GREAT TO SEE WHERE THEY'RE TRYING
9 TO GO. BUT I KNOW THAT THERE'S SO MUCH MORE FOR US TO DO
10 WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. SO I JUST SAY WE NEED -- THE FRUSTRATION
11 IS HIGH IN THE COMMUNITY. WE NEED TO DIALOGUE OUT OF THIS
12 OFFICE INTO THE COMMUNITIES WHERE WE CAN JUST TALK A LITTLE
13 DEEPER IN DEPTH ABOUT SOME OF THE FRUSTRATIONS THAT ARE GOING
14 ON. SO I INVITE ALL THE SUPERVISORS AND THE C.E.O. TO COME OUT
15 TO THE COMMUNITY AND HAVE THESE -- SOME DIALOG WITH US.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE TAKE
18 YOUR COMMENTS TO HEART. WE'LL PROCEED TO THE FINAL SPEAKERS
19 BEFORE US. MA'AM, YOU MAY PROCEED.

20

21 **CHARSLEEN POE:** OKAY. MY NAME IS CHARSLEEN POE. I'M A MEMBER OF
22 ALL OF US OR NONE. I'M ALSO A FORMER RESIDENT OF A NEW WAY OF
23 LIFE. AND I'M HERE TO ASK YOU TO STOP ALL COUNTY JAIL
24 EXPANSIONS. I FEEL AS THOUGH WE SHOULD HAVE MORE COMMUNITY
25 PROGRAMS. I'M A FORMERLY INCARCERATED PERSON. AND ONCE I WENT



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1 TO A NEW WAY OF LIFE, A REENTRY PROJECT PROGRAM, MY LIFE BEGAN
2 TO CHANGE. WE SHOULD STOP ALL JAIL EXPANSIONS AND INVEST IN
3 OUR COMMUNITIES, NOT IN CAGES. THANK YOU SO MUCH SIR.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MA'AM. ALL
6 RIGHT. SIR, MA'AM? AS YOU WISH.

7

8 **KAREN SHAIN:** HI, MY NAME IS KAREN SHAOM. I'M FROM THE WOMEN'S
9 FOUNDATION OF CALIFORNIA BASED IN SAN FRANCISCO, BUT WE'RE A
10 STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION. I'M HERE BECAUSE OF HAVING SPENT FOUR
11 HOURS YESTERDAY AT C.R.D.F., WHAT I'VE COME TO REALIZE IS THAT
12 IT DOESN'T JUST TAKE WONDERFUL PEOPLE TO MAKE A JAIL WORK. IN
13 FACT, A JAIL CAN'T WORK. SO WE ARE LOOKING AT A SITUATION
14 WHERE WE'RE INCARCERATING MORE AND MORE MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE.
15 IN FACT, JAILS ARE NOW THE LARGEST MENTAL INSTITUTIONS IN OUR
16 COUNTRY. THEY'RE ALSO THE LARGEST OLD PEOPLE'S HOMES IN OUR
17 COUNTRY. WE'RE GETTING MORE AND MORE YOUNG PEOPLE IN THERE. I
18 WAS DEEPLY DISAPPOINTED BY THE VANIR REPORT. I HAVE TO TELL
19 YOU, THAT WITHOUT LOOKING AT ALL OF THE ALTERNATIVES, THERE'S
20 NO WAY THAT YOU ALL WILL HAVE THE ABILITY TO REALLY MAKE A
21 DECISION THAT'S BASED ON ALL OF THE FACTS. SO I STRONGLY URGE
22 YOU: LISTEN TO US, THE COMMUNITY. LISTEN TO THE COMMUNITY
23 MEMBERS IN L.A. SUSAN BURTON'S IDEA OF HAVING THESE PUBLIC
24 IDEAS, I'M ALMOST DONE, I PROMISE, IS GREAT ONE AND USE US.



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1 USE OUR IDEAS. I HAVE HERE A STATEMENT FROM THE WOMEN'S
2 FOUNDATION I'D LIKE TO PRESENT TO YOU ALL.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE DO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
5 WE'D BE GLAD TO RECEIVE IT. FINAL SPEAKER ON THE ITEM. SIR?

6

7 **LYLE TALBOT:** YES. LYLE TALBOT FROM LANCASTER. I'M HERE KIND OF
8 DEFENDING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THIS IS A LETTER THAT HAD
9 APPEARED IN YESTERDAY'S -- ANTELOPE VALLEY PRESS WRITTEN BY
10 MYSELF. AND THE KNUCKLEHEADS AT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
11 INJUSTICE ARE CALLING OUT OUR LOCAL SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN
12 LANCASTER AND PALMDALE AS WELL AS THE ADMINISTRATORS OF
13 SUCTION 8 HOUSING PROGRAM FOR BEING A BIT TOO HARSH ON THOSE
14 POOR FOLKS IN THOSE SUBSIDIZED HOMES. THEY WERE ALL SHUFFLED
15 OFF TO ANTELOPE VALLEY BY THE GANG OF FOUR COUNTY SUPERVISORS,
16 STANDS MIKE ANTONOVICH THOSE MANY YEARS AGO BECAUSE THERE'S
17 CHEAPER HOUSING UP THERE THAN DOWN BELOW. NOT TO MENTION
18 HELPING LINE THE POCKETS OF THEIR MEGA-SLUMLORD FRIENDS WHO
19 WERE STUCK WITH A LOT OF EMPTY RENTALS HERE IN THE VALLEY AT
20 THE TIME. IF I WERE ONE OF THOSE UNFORTUNATE RECIPIENTS ON THE
21 DOLE, AND I'M NOT, WHO WERE QUESTIONED BY THE SO-CALLED D.O.J.
22 INVESTIGATORS, I'D PROBABLY BADMOUTH THE GUYS, TOO.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
25 YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THAT CLOSES THE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION



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1 ON THIS ITEM, A PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD ON THE JAIL PLAN
2 UPDATE. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, YOUR QUESTIONS, YOUR COMMENTS?
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4 **CROWD:** [CHANTING] NO MORE JAILS! ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS.
5 (CHANTING CONTINUES).
6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, CAN WE HAVE THE VANIR PEOPLE
8 BACK?
9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES, WE CAN. AND THIS IS A TIME
11 FOR THE BOARD TO POSE ITS QUESTIONS TO VANIR AND PROCEED FROM
12 THAT POINT. THE C.E.O. HAS INPUT AT THAT POINT, WE WELCOME
13 THAT, AS WELL.
14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND ALSO DR. SOUTHARD.
16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND ASSISTANT SHERIFF MCDONALD.
18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AND WHATEVER STAFF THAT MAY WISH
20 TO WEIGH IN ON THIS POINT. MR. YAROSLAVSKY, QUESTIONS?
21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES. I GUESS I HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS, BUT
23 I'M NOT GOING TO MONOPOLIZE THE TIME ON ALL OF THEM. SO LET ME
24 JUST TRY ONE STRAND OF MY QUESTIONING. FIRST OF ALL, TO THE
25 VANIR PEOPLE, THE COST OF THIS, LEAVING ASIDE ALL THE POLICY



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1 ISSUES, THE COST IS GIVING ME SOME STICKER SHOCK. WE HAD A
2 PLAN THAT WAS PROPOSED, THE MOST RECENT PLAN BEFORE THIS ONE
3 WAS THE PLAN THAT WAS PROPOSED BY THE C.E.O. I DON'T REMEMBER
4 THE DETAILS OF THE PLAN. I DO REMEMBER THE BOTTOM LINE OF IT
5 WAS SOMETHING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$900 MILLION, TO A
6 BILLION DOLLARS. WHICH HAD BEEN CUT BACK FROM THE 1.4 BILLION,
7 1.3 OR 4 BILLION THAT HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY SUGGESTED PREVIOUS
8 TO THAT. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT HAD BEEN TALKED ABOUT WAS THE
9 -- THERE ARE TWO BUILDINGS TO THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. THERE'S
10 A 1960S BUILDING, AS YOU KNOW BETTER THAN WE DO, THE 1960S
11 BUILDING AND THE 1970S BUILDING AND IT HAD ALWAYS BEEN
12 SUGGESTED THE 1970S BUILDING IS NOT NECESSARILY -- IT'S NOT IN
13 THE SAME SITUATION, IS NOT IN THE SAME CONDITION AS THE '60S
14 BUILDING, THAT THE '60S BUILDING CLEARLY HAS TO GO, SO WE HAVE
15 BEEN TOLD, BUT THE '70S BUILDING IS NOT NECESSARILY IN THE
16 SAME SITUATION, CAN BE SALVAGED AND WAYS TO USE IT. SO MY
17 QUESTION TO YOU IS: WHY DID YOU COME BACK TO US WITH A PLAN
18 THAT DID NOT INCORPORATE ANY SAVING OF THE '70S BUILDING? ANY
19 REUSAGE OF THE '70S BUILDING WHATSOEVER, WHICH COULD HAVE HAD
20 AN IMPACT ON THE FINANCES OF THIS PROJECT? DID YOU LOOK AT
21 THEM?

22

23 **ROB NASH:** WE DID LOOK AT THE 1970S PORTION OF M.C.J. ONE OF
24 THE PRIMARY DRIVERS WAS THE 1970S PORTION IS PRIMARILY
25 DORMITORY-STYLE HOUSING. AND THAT HOUSING IS NOT THE STYLE OF



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1 HOUSING THAT THE JAIL SYSTEM REALLY NEEDS BASED UPON THE
2 SECURITY CLASSIFICATION OF ITS INMATES. SO THAT WAS ONE OF THE
3 PRIMARY REASONS WHY THE '70S BUILDING WASN'T A VERY GOOD FIT
4 FOR THE OVERALL JAIL SYSTEM. ANOTHER THING IS THERE ARE SOME
5 CONCERNS. THE '70S BUILDING WAS BUILT AS AN ADDITION TO THE
6 1960S BUILDING. I DON'T KNOW THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR IT
7 TO EXIST ON ITS OWN WITHOUT THE '60S BUILDING.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU DON'T KNOW? WHY DON'T
10 YOU KNOW?

11

12 **ROB NASH:** WELL, IT WOULD TAKE SOME FURTHER INVESTIGATION. BUT
13 AS I SAID, THE PRIMARY DRIVER OF THAT DECISION WAS REALLY THE
14 HOUSING TYPES. THAT IN THE END, THE 1970S BUILDING, AS THE
15 1960S, IS A VERY HARD BUILDING. IT DOES NOT ACCOMMODATE CHANGE
16 INTERNALLY VERY WELL. SO THE DORMITORY-STYLE HOUSING THAT IT
17 IS COMPRISED OF IS NOT MOST APPROPRIATE FOR THE INMATES THAT
18 NEED TO BE HOUSED WITHIN THE SYSTEM.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND YOU DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY WAY TO
21 RECONFIGURE THAT BUILDING? REMODEL IT? REENGINEER IT?
22 REMISSION IT IN A WAY THAT MORE ADEQUATELY MEETS OUR CURRENT
23 MISSION?

24



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1 **JOHN KUPRENAS:** AT THIS POINT, WE BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BECOME
2 ONE OF THOSE ITEMS OF CONTINUAL COSTS, ONE THING LEADS TO
3 ANOTHER. IN THE END IT'S MORE ECONOMICAL AND IT'S TO THE
4 COUNTY'S BENEFIT TO CONSTRUCT A NEW FACILITY.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT YOU DIDN'T ANALYZE IT.

7

8 **JOHN KUPRENAS:** WE HAVEN'T HAD A STRUCTURAL ENGINEER DO ANY OF
9 THE ANALYSIS OF THE STRUCTURE ITSELF. THAT'S ONE ELEMENT. THE
10 SECOND ELEMENT THAT WOULD NEED TO BE DONE WOULD BE THE
11 ANALYSIS OF THE ONGOING OPERATING COSTS GIVEN ITS MAINTENANCE
12 DEFICIENCIES.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND YOU HAVEN'T DONE THAT THE OPERATING COST
15 ANALYSIS ON ANY OF THESE OPTIONS, HAVE YOU?

16

17 **JOHN KUPRENAS:** NO, SIR.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO YOU DON'T KNOW. YOU DON'T KNOW THE EXTENT
20 TO WHICH --

21

22 **JOHN KUPRENAS:** THAT'S CORRECT.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO I GUESS MY QUESTION IS WHY DIDN'T YOU
25 EVEN LOOK AT IT? DID YOU JUST CONCLUDE? WERE YOU TOLD NOT TO



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1 LOOK AT IT? WHY DIDN'T YOU LOOK AT ANY ASPECT OF THE 1970S
2 BUILDING SALVAGING?

3

4 **ROB NASH:** AS I SAID, WE DID LOOK AT IT. IN THE END, WHILE IT
5 MAY NOT HAVE ALL OF THE SAME OR ALL OF THE DEFICIENCIES THAT
6 THE 1960S BUILDING HAS, IT STILL HAS MANY DEFICIENCIES,
7 INCLUDING A 40-YEAR-OLD INFRASTRUCTURE. AS I SAY, THE
8 MISALIGNMENT OF HOUSING TYPES. JAILS DON'T TEND TO BE EASY
9 BUILDINGS TO RECONFIGURE. THEY'RE BUILT HARD. THEY'RE BUILT
10 THICK AND HEAVY. THEY'RE BUILT WITH STEEL INSIDE CONCRETE AND
11 THEY DON'T REMODEL VERY WELL OR VERY EASILY. AND THE TYPE OF
12 SPACES THAT WE BELIEVE THE SYSTEM NEEDS, WHICH ARE PRIMARILY
13 THESE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT BEDS, WOULD NOT LEND ITSELF TO
14 THAT CONFIGURATION VERY EASILY. THAT'S NOT TO SAY THAT IT
15 WOULDN'T BE POSSIBLE, BUT IN THE END, ONE OF THE CRITICAL
16 FACTORS FOR D.M.H. IN DISCUSSING MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT WAS
17 THE SORT OF CONTINUUM OF CARE, OF HAVING EVERYONE WITHIN A
18 SINGLE FACILITY ABLE TO COMMUNICATE VERY EASILY. SO THERE WERE
19 JUST A NUMBER OF FACTORS THAT WORKED AGAINST SAVING THE 1970S
20 PORTION.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. LET ME ASK YOU ANOTHER QUESTION. THE
23 CRITICISM OF YOUR REPORT THAT HAS COME FROM SOME OF THE PEOPLE
24 WHO WERE HERE BUT DIDN'T HAVE THE COURTESY TO LISTEN TO WHAT
25 YOU HAD TO SAY UNDER QUESTIONING, THIS IS IS A VERY HEAVY



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1 BURDEN FOR PEOPLE TO BEAR. I COULD UNDERSTAND WHY THEY
2 COULDN'T TAKE THE PRESSURE OF SITTING HERE LISTENING. BUT THE
3 CRITICISMS OF THE REPORT, I'D LIKE YOU TO ANSWER THEM, IS THE
4 ASSUMPTIONS YOU MADE ABOUT THE CHARACTERISTICS OF OUR JAIL
5 POPULATION AND WHETHER YOU WERE USING OUTDATED METHODOLOGIES
6 TO CONCLUDE WHAT YOU CONCLUDED AND THUS DRIVE THE SIZE AND THE
7 SCOPE OF THIS RECOMMENDATION. SPECIFICALLY THE NORTH POINT,
8 THE NORTH POINTED IS OUTDATED AND THAT SORT OF THING, I'M SURE
9 YOU'VE HEARD THIS. COULD YOU RESPOND TO IT?

10

11 **ROB NASH:** WE HAVE. I MEAN, IN PARTICULAR IN REFERENCE TO THE
12 NORTH POINT SYSTEM, I MEAN IT'S THE SYSTEM THAT THE SHERIFF
13 USES. AND FROM WHAT WE UNDERSTAND IT'S THE SYSTEM THAT THEY
14 INTEND TO CONTINUE TO USE. NOW, WE DO TALK ABOUT THE FACT THAT
15 IT'S A SYSTEM THAT NEEDS TO BE UPDATED AND CALIBRATED. IT'S A
16 SYSTEM THAT THE USERS OF IT NEED TO BE CONTINUALLY TRAINED TO
17 MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE NOT OVER CLASSIFYING. BUT THE REALITY
18 IS THAT IN THE NUMBER MUCH YEARS THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
19 HAS BEEN USING THE SYSTEM, THE CLASSIFICATION OF INMATES HAS
20 BEEN FAIRLY CONSISTENT. SO WE HAVE USED THAT HISTORY AS A WAY
21 TO PROJECT FORWARD.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS HAVE BEEN
24 RELATIVELY CONSISTENT?

25



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1 **ROB NASH:** IN TERMS OF EVALUATING INMATES ON SECURITY RISK
2 CLASSIFICATION FROM LEVEL 1 THROUGH 9, YES.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW ABOUT IN TERMS OF MENTALLY ILL OR PEOPLE
5 WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES, AS A PERCENTAGE
6 OF THE TOTAL JAIL POPULATION. WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THAT
7 POPULATION OVER TIME?

8

9 **ROB NASH:** THAT HAS BEEN INCREASING PER D.M.H. THERE IS SOME
10 QUESTION AS TO -- OR SOME OBSERVATION THAT IT MAY BE RELATED
11 TO THE INCREASE IN THE A.B.109 POPULATION THAT AS YOU HAVE
12 FOLKS WHO ARE STAYING LONGER WITHIN THE SYSTEM, THEY TEND TO
13 NEED MORE CARE. AND IT'S A TREND WITHIN -- THE JAIL POPULATION
14 IN GENERAL TENDS TO NEED A HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF MENTAL HEALTH
15 TREATMENT THAN THE GENERAL POPULATION. AND THE ABILITY OF THE
16 JAIL SYSTEM CURRENTLY TO SERVE THAT NEED IS COMPROMISED BASED
17 ON SPACE LIMITATIONS. SO THERE'S A COMBINATION OF A PENT-UP
18 DEMAND WITHIN THE SYSTEM CURRENTLY AND A PROJECTION OF AN
19 INCREASE IN NEED GOING FORWARD.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU HAVEN'T DONE ANY OF THE OPERATING COST
22 ANALYSES YET ON ANY OF THE OPTIONS THAT YOU'VE PRESENTED, IS
23 THAT CORRECT?

24

25 **ROB NASH:** THAT'S CORRECT.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND HOW LONG WOULD IT TAKE YOU TO DO THAT
3 KIND OF ANALYSIS IF THE BOARD WERE TO ASK YOU TO EXPLORE ONE
4 OR MORE OF THE OPTIONS?

5

6 **JOHN KUPRENAS:** WE'RE CONFIDENT WE COULD WORK WITH THE C.E.O.
7 AND COMPLETE THAT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF SIX MONTHS.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SIX MONTHS?

10

11 **JOHN KUPRENAS:** PART OF IT, I SEE THE WAY YOU'RE LOOKING AT ME,
12 MR. SUPERVISOR. I THINK PART OF IT IS WE ARE ASSUMING THAT THE
13 C.C.T.F. WOULD BE PART OF THAT STUDY. IN ORDER TO GET THE
14 OPERATING COST FOR THE C.C.T.F., THE FIRST STEP WE WOULD HAVE
15 TO DO THE PROGRAMMING THAT WE SPOKE OF EARLIER.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THAT UNDERTAKING?
18 WOULD IT BE KIND OF A PROGRAMMATIC PLAN OR ANALYSIS? HOW DO
19 YOU DESCRIBE IT? WHAT'S IT CALLED?

20

21 **CANDY ROBERTS:** THE ARCHITECTURAL PROGRAMMING THAT WE'RE
22 TALKING ABOUT IS A DISCUSSION WITH BOTH CUSTODY AND THE
23 TREATMENT PROGRAM PROVIDERS TO TALK ABOUT THE KINDS OF
24 PROGRAMS THAT THEY NEED TO OPERATE, THE TYPES OF SPACES THAT
25 THEY NEED TO PROVIDE THE PROGRAM, THE CUSTODY OVERLAY OF HOW



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1 INMATES WOULD BE SUPERVISED AS THEY MOVE TO AND FROM. ALL OF
2 THAT FEEDS INTO HOW MUCH SPACE YOU'RE GOING TO NEED, WHICH
3 ALSO PLAYS INTO HOW MANY PEOPLE YOU NEED BOTH TO SUPERVISE AND
4 TO PROVIDE THE PROGRAM. SO IT'S SORT OF AN ITERATIVE PROCESS
5 TO UNDERSTAND HOW THE BUILDING WOULD NEED TO FUNCTION AND WHAT
6 WOULD NEED TO BE IN IT IN ORDER TO FIGURE OUT HOW MANY STAFF
7 YOU WOULD HAVE IN IT AND FIGURE OUT WHAT THE OPERATING COSTS
8 WOULD BE.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THAT ANALYSIS WILL TAKE SIX MONTHS?

11

12 **CANDY ROBERTS:** YES.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE INTERESTING THING TO ME IS THAT WE'RE
15 NOW IN THE THIRD YEAR OF A.B.109. I THINK WE'RE IN THE THIRD
16 YEAR OF A.B.109. A.B.109 POPULATION IN OUR JAILS IS NOW
17 APPROACHING 20 PERCENT, 17, 18 PERCENT RIGHT NOW. WHICH MEANS
18 THAT 17 TO 18 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE WHO OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE
19 BEEN IN OUR JAILS BEFORE A.B.109 ARE OUT IN THE STREETS.
20 THEY'RE GETTING COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES. WHATEVER WE THINK IS
21 GOING ON WITH THEM, I'M NOT SURE WE DO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON
22 WITH THEM. BUT UP CLOSE TO 20 PERCENT OF THE -- IF WE HAD NOT
23 HAD A.B.109 AND WE KICKED THESE 18 PERCENT OUT THE DOOR, WE
24 WOULD HAVE HAD A 20 PERCENT LESS REQUIREMENT FOR CAPACITY,
25 PRESUMABLY. SO YOU JUST BEGIN TO WONDER. I'M NOT POLLYANNISH



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1 ABOUT THIS, BUT I DO THINK WE NEED TO TEST THE PRESUMPTIONS
2 AND THE ASSUMPTIONS THAT ARE BEING MADE ABOUT HOW MUCH JAIL
3 CAPACITY DO WE REALLY NEED? AND HOW MUCH CAN WE -- HOW MUCH
4 DON'T WE NEED WITHOUT COMPROMISING IN ANY SIGNIFICANT WAY OR
5 MEANINGFUL WAY PUBLIC SAFETY? I DON'T KNOW THAT WE CAN
6 POSSIBLY KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION TODAY. A.B.109 IS
7 STILL NEW. WE WILL SEE OVER TIME MORE THAN ANECDOTAL EVIDENCE,
8 BUT REAL EVIDENCE AND ANALYSIS ABOUT WHAT THIS HAS DONE TO THE
9 CRIME RATES IN OUR COMMUNITIES. EVERYBODY'S GOT AN OPINION
10 ABOUT IT, MYSELF INCLUDED, ABOUT WHERE THIS IS HEADED. BUT WE
11 OUGHT TO BE DRIVEN BY THE STATISTICS AND BY FACTS AND
12 EVIDENCE, NOT BY OUR INSTINCTS NECESSARILY. BUT THIS IS A HUGE
13 NUMBER. AND PART OF THIS IS TRANSLATED TO THIS SUPERVISOR IS
14 I'M BEING ASKED TO APPROVE A \$1.3 BILLION -- OR WILL BE ASKED
15 AT SOME POINT TO APPROVE A \$1.3 BILLION JAIL PROJECT, WHICH
16 WON'T ADD A SINGLE BED TO OUR JAIL SYSTEM. IT'S ALL
17 REPLACEMENT. NOW, THERE ARE A LOT OF ADVANTAGES TO WHAT'S
18 BEING PROPOSED. IN FACT, SEVERAL OF US ASKED FOR THIS. AND
19 I'VE FOCUSED IN ON THE MENTAL HEALTH PIECE. AND WE ARE
20 INTERESTED IN THAT. I DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD CAUSE THE COST TO
21 GO UP BY ALMOST HALF A BILLION DOLLARS, BUT WE DON'T EVEN KNOW
22 THE OPERATING COSTS. BUT WE DO HAVE THE ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT HOW
23 BIG OF A FACILITY WE REALLY NEED. SO IF WE HAVE TOLERANCE FOR
24 17 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE BEING KICKED OUT THE DOOR AT THE SO-
25 CALLED LOW END OF THE SERIOUS CRIMINAL SPECTRUM, COULD WE GO



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1 TO 22 PERCENT AND HAVE THE SAME RESULT? 23 PERCENT? 21
2 PERCENT? WHAT IS THAT? I GUESS I'D ASK YOU THAT, ASSISTANT
3 SHERIFF MCDONALD, IS WHAT IS OUR TOLERANCE LEVEL IN THAT
4 REGARD? BECAUSE EVERY 5 PERCENT IS PROBABLY A COUPLE HUNDRED
5 MILLION DOLLARS.

6

7 **TERRI MCDONALD:** THANK YOU, MR. SUPERVISOR. FIRST OF ALL I
8 SHOULD HAVE SAID EARLIER THAT THE SHERIFF AND I ARE BOTH
9 SUPPORTIVE OF ALTERNATIVE CUSTODY SOLUTIONS. LOOKING AT SPLIT
10 SENTENCING, LOOKING AT PRETRIAL DISPOSITION. I'VE BEEN LOOKING
11 A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON IN L.A. COUNTY IN
12 COMPARISON TO OTHER COUNTIES AND WE REALLY NEED A RESEARCHER
13 TO DIG IN DEEPER THAN I'M ABLE TO DO. BUT ONE OF THE THINGS
14 THAT I'M AWARE OF IS THAT L.A. COUNTY REPRESENTS ABOUT A THIRD
15 OF THE POPULATION IN THE STATE AND ABOUT A THIRD OF THE STATE
16 PRISON SYSTEM. YET L.A. COUNTY REPRESENTS ABOUT 26 PERCENT OF
17 THE OVERALL JAIL POPULATION. SO I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS
18 THAT'S MISSED IN A DISCUSSION IS A LOT OF FOLKS ARE ALREADY
19 DOING ALTERNATIVES. PROBATION IS THE -- SO THAT'S ALREADY
20 OCCURRING. ADDITIONALLY, WE STARTED A FEMALE PILOT ALTERNATIVE
21 CUSTODY PROGRAM WITH BEDS THAT WERE FUNDED, AND HOPEFULLY
22 WORKING WITH THE C.E.O.S, YOU'LL SEE US TALKING ABOUT
23 EXPANSION OF THAT OPPORTUNITY. ALSO WHAT COULD WE DO FOR
24 DIVERSION IN MENTAL HEALTH? BUT IN ALL CANDOR AFTER DOING THIS
25 FOR MANY, MANY YEARS, DIVERSIONS, ALL OF THAT, IT'S NOT IN THE



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1 2 OR 3 AND 4,000. IT'S NOT GOING TO MITIGATE THE CLOSURE OF
2 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, EVEN HALF OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. I JUST
3 CAN'T LOOK YOU IN THE EYE AND SAY: WE CAN GET THERE. NO. WE
4 CAN DO BETTER. WE CAN SPEND MORE MONEY IN MORE CREATIVE WAYS.
5 WE CAN WORK ON THINGS THAT ARE EVIDENCE-BASED TO REDUCE
6 RECIDIVISM. BUT JUST SAYING THAT ALTERNATIVE CUSTODY SOLUTIONS
7 ARE GOING TO MITIGATE THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL CHALLENGE, I
8 CAN'T GET THERE.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. BUT YOU'VE ALSO GOT TO SAY THAT 17
11 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT IN JAIL BECAUSE WE'VE HAD
12 THE REPLACE THEM WITH A.B.109 PEOPLE, MOST OF THOSE PEOPLE ARE
13 NOT IN DIVERSION PROGRAMS, EITHER. I THINK THEY'VE JUST BEEN
14 KICKED OUT THE DOOR. THEY NEVER MADE IT IN THE DOOR, LET ALONE
15 GET KICKED OUT THE DOOR. AND I DON'T THINK WE HAVE OUR ARMS
16 AROUND THAT POPULATION. ARE YOU IN A POSITION AT THIS POINT AS
17 TO WHETHER THAT HAS HAD AN IMPACT ON PUBLIC SAFETY OUT THERE?
18 THE 2-1/2 YEARS NOW SINCE -- ABOUT TWO YEARS SINCE A.B.109 WAS
19 SIGNED INTO LAW? DO THOSE 17 PERCENT WHO HAVE BEEN DISPLACED,
20 SO TO SPEAK, ARE THEY BECOMING A PROBLEM? ARE THEY A PROBLEM
21 WHERE THEY HAVE NOT BEEN IN THE JAIL IN THE FIRST PLACE?

22

23 **TERRI MCDONALD** FASCINATING QUESTION. I THINK IT'S ONE THAT YOU
24 **GUYS HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING WITH THE COUNTY DEFINING HOW WE**
25 **MEASURE RECIDIVISM. AND THEN HIRING AN EXPERT, MARK DELGADO**



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1 AND I HAVE MET WITH DR. SUSAN TURNER, WHO IS KIND OF AN EXPERT
2 IN RECIDIVISM STATISTICS ABOUT WOULD SHE BE WILLING TO COME
3 IN. AND THAT'S THE TYPE OF THING WE NEED TO LOOK AT. WHAT ARE
4 WE LEARNING FROM EARLY RELEASE PROGRAMS? WHAT ARE WE LEARNING
5 ABOUT WHAT PROBATION IS DOING AND THE COURTS ARE DOING TO KEEP
6 PEOPLE OUT OF JAILS? WHAT IS E.B.I. DOING IN THE PRISONS?
7 THESE ARE ALL THE QUESTIONS THAT WE NEED TO ASK. BUT IN ALL
8 HONESTY, THAT'S STILL NOT GOING TO FIX THE FACT THAT WE NEED
9 TREATMENT SPACE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL.

10

11 >>SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: CERTAINLY NOT FROM ME THERE IS NO ARGUMENT
12 ABOUT THAT. I WAS GOING TO GET TO THAT IN A SECOND. BUT BEFORE
13 I GET TO THAT, THE ISSUE OF HOW BIG WE NEED TO BUILD THIS
14 THING, IF IT'S FOR 18,000 PEOPLE, OR WHATEVER THE PROPORTION
15 OF THE CONSTRUCTION IS, IF IT'S TO REPLICATE THE 18, 19,000-
16 PERSON JAIL THAT WE HAVE NOW OR JAIL SYSTEM, THAT'S ONE THING.
17 BUT IF YOU GET IT DOWN TO 15,000, THAT CHANGES THE ARITHMETIC,
18 DOESN'T IT? AND YOU GET IT DOWN TO 14,000 -- AND I'M NOT
19 SUGGESTING THAT IT'S REALISTIC TO DO THAT. BUT I'M NOT SURE
20 HOW HARD THAT QUESTION HAS BEEN ASKED. AND IT'S A TOUGH
21 QUESTION. BECAUSE WHOEVER ANSWERS THAT QUESTION AND WHOEVER
22 RELIES ON THAT ANSWER IS STUCK WITH THAT ANSWER. AND IF
23 THEY'RE WRONG, THERE WILL BE HELL TO PAY FOR IT. SO I
24 UNDERSTAND. BUT WE'RE ALL FIVE SUPERVISORS ARE CERTAINLY ON
25 THE BUBBLE IN THAT REGARD, AS ARE THE REST OF YOU. BUT I'M



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1 SAYING TO MYSELF: WELL, CRIME IS STILL AT ALL-TIME LOWS. IN
2 TWO YEARS WE'VE HAD ESSENTIALLY A 17 PERCENT REDUCTION IN OUR
3 JAIL POPULATION. THEY'VE BEEN REPLACED WITH STATE PRISONERS
4 BECAUSE OF A.B.109, BUT 17 PERCENT OF OUR LOCAL JAIL
5 POPULATION HAS BEEN ELIMINATED FROM THE EQUATION. AND NONE OF
6 THE PEOPLE, NONE OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT PEOPLE I TALK TO CAN
7 ACTUALLY SAY WITH CERTAINTY AT THIS POINT WHAT THE TREND IS IF
8 THERE IS A TREND. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THAT?

9

10 **ROB NASH:** I DON'T NECESSARILY KNOW THAT TREND. BUT ONE THING I
11 THINK IS IMPORTANT TO ALSO KEEP IN MIND IS THAT NUMBER RIGHT
12 NOW OF NOMINALLY 18,500 IS NOT A FULL- FUNCTIONING JAIL
13 SYSTEM. IT INCLUDES EARLY RELEASE, THE PERCENTAGE TIME-SERVED
14 PROGRAM, FOR INSTANCE. SO IF ALL OF THE TRADITIONAL COUNTY
15 SENTENCED INMATES SERVED THEIR FULL SENTENCE, THE SHERIFF HAS
16 ESTIMATED THAT NEARLY AN ADDITIONAL 5,000 BEDS WOULD BE
17 REQUIRED. THERE ARE ALSO FOLKS WHO ARE NOT BOOKED INTO THE
18 JAIL SYSTEM IF THEIR BAIL IS SET AT LESS THAN 25,000. THERE
19 ARE A NUMBER OF WAYS RIGHT NOW THAT THE JAIL POPULATION IS
20 HELD DOWN. SO EVEN IF THERE WERE OTHER WAYS TO GET FOLKS OUT
21 OF THE SYSTEM, WHETHER IT'S RELEASING MORE OR IT'S THROUGH
22 ALTERNATIVES TO CUSTODY PROGRAMS, THERE MAY STILL BE THINGS
23 THAT WOULD COME UP TO FILL THAT GAP. AND OBVIOUSLY THAT'S A
24 QUESTION FOR THE BOARD AS TO HOW YOU WOULD USE THAT. I MEAN
25 ONE WAY WOULD BE TO REDUCE THE OVERALL POPULATION. ANOTHER WAY



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1 WOULD BE TO INCREASE PERCENTAGE TIME SERVED. SO IT WOULD BE AN
2 EASIER DISCUSSION IF IT WAS THAT 18,500 WAS EVERYBODY. BUT
3 IT'S REALLY NOT. THERE ARE A LOT OF FOLKS THAT ARE LET GO
4 EARLY TO ACCOMMODATE THE A.B.109S. THE QUESTION IS: DO YOU
5 KEEP THEM LONGER IF YOU FOUND OTHER WAYS TO RELIEVE PRESSURE
6 ON THE SYSTEM?

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT MY POINT IS THAT EVERY LAW ENFORCEMENT
9 AGENCY IN THIS REGION, INCLUDING THE COUNTY SHERIFF'S
10 DEPARTMENT, LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT, JUST ABOUT EVERY
11 ONE OF THEM HAS HAD CRIME RATES THAT ARE AT AN ALL-TIME LOW.
12 AND IN THE L.A. COUNTY, COUNTY PORTION OF THE SHERIFF HAS
13 JURISDICTION, THIS IS AT A TIME WHEN THE SHERIFF HAS BEEN FOR
14 BUDGETARY REASONS, THIS EPISODICALLY GOES BACK TO THE PREVIOUS
15 SHERIFF, HAS BEEN LETTING PEOPLE OUT OF JAIL EARLY, EARLY
16 RELEASE. AND EARLY RELEASE HAS BECOME ALMOST A REGULAR POLICY
17 NOW WITH THIS SUSTAINED RECESSION WITH THE OVERCROWDING THAT
18 WE'VE HAD. SO YOU HAVE QUITE A FEW PEOPLE WHO HAVEN'T SPENT
19 VERY MUCH TIME IN JAIL. WE WERE TALKING ABOUT THE OTHER DAY,
20 THEY CAN'T GET INTO JAIL. IT'S HARDER TO GET INTO JAIL THAN TO
21 GET OUT BECAUSE OF THE CAPACITY PROBLEM. AND STILL WE HAVE
22 ALL-TIME LOW CRIME RATE. SO SOME OF THE FOLKS WHO ARE HERE WHO
23 ARE RAISING THESE ISSUES ARE NOT COMPLETELY -- THEIR
24 PROPOSITION SHOULD BE TESTED A LITTLE BIT, TOO. HAVING SAID
25 THAT, I THINK THAT -- AND WHAT THIS GETS AT IS HOW BIG OF A



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1 FACILITY WE NEED TO BUILD. THAT'S REALLY WHAT IT GETS TO.
2 BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BUILD A \$1.3 BILLION FACILITY,
3 AND YOU CAN BUILD A 900 MILLION OR AN 800 OR 700 IT MAKES A
4 BIG DIFFERENCE. LAST THING I WANT TO SAY IS ON THE MENTAL
5 HEALTH PIECE. THIS IS A TRAIN WRECK WAITING TO HAPPEN FOR US.
6 AND I THINK WE ALL RECOGNIZE IT. WE ALL SHOULD RECOGNIZE IT. I
7 THINK THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES IT.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SAY WHAT YOU MEAN BY THAT, ZEV,
10 THAT LAST SENTENCE. TRAIN WRECK. I THINK IT WARRANTS --

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK THAT ALL OF US HAVE BEEN OVER TO THE
13 TWIN TOWERS AT ONE POINT OR ANOTHER. I'VE ONLY DONE IT ONCE. I
14 WILL NEVER PARACHUTE OUT OF AN AIRPLANE AND I'LL NEVER GO BACK
15 INTO TWIN TOWERS AGAIN, VOLUNTARILY. IT IS A REAL PROBLEM. AND
16 ALL OF THE PROFESSIONALS WHO ARE IN THERE, MY STAFF WHO HAVE
17 BEEN IN THERE ON A FREQUENT BASIS.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TWIN TOWERS OR CENTRAL JAIL?

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES IN TWIN TOWERS.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TWIN TOWERS, NOT CENTRAL JAIL?

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, I'M TALKING ABOUT THE MENTAL HEALTH
2 PIECE NOW. AND WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. AND WE'VE
3 GOT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT INTELLIGENTLY. THAT PART IS GOING
4 TO COST SOME MONEY. AND THAT PART IS SOMETHING I THINK WE'RE
5 GOING TO PAY FOR IT ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. AND THE NUMBER OF
6 MENTAL HEALTH -- PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES COMING INTO
7 OUR JAILS AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE JAIL POPULATION AS A WHOLE IS
8 INCREASING STEADILY, AS IT IS IN SOCIETY IN GENERAL. WE'RE
9 DIAGNOSING IT BETTER. WHAT ONCE WAS NOT CONSIDERED A MENTAL
10 HEALTH ISSUE 10, 20 YEARS AGO TODAY IS DIAGNOSED VERY QUICKLY.
11 AND THERE IS TREATMENTS TO BE GIVEN TO IT. AS LONG AS WE HAVE
12 THESE INDIVIDUALS LITERALLY CAPTIVE IN OUR SYSTEM, THE
13 CHALLENGE THAT WE HAVE AND THE OPPORTUNITY THAT WE HAVE IS TO
14 TRY TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO GIVE THEM THE HELP THEY NEED SO
15 THAT THEY WON'T RECIDIVATE AND THEY CAN FUNCTION
16 CONVENTIONALLY IN SOCIETY. THAT'S NOT GIVING SOMEBODY A PILL
17 AND SAYING GOODBYE. IT'S ONGOING. IT'S LIKE A DIET. IT'S EVERY
18 SINGLE DAY. YOU'VE GOT TO DEAL WITH IT. YOU CAN'T JUST DO IT
19 ONCE. AND THAT'S NOT GOING TO BE CHEAP. BUT IT MAY BE A LOT
20 LESS EXPENSIVE THAN THE ALTERNATIVE, WHICH I THINK WE ALL KNOW
21 WHAT THAT COULD BE. AND I THINK FOLKS WHO DON'T UNDERSTAND THE
22 MAGNITUDE OF THAT PROBLEM ARE -- INCLUDING SOME OF THE PEOPLE
23 WE HEARD FROM TODAY -- ARE REALLY ARGUING AGAINST THEIR OWN
24 POINT OF VIEW, AT LEAST ON THAT PIECE. WE NEED TO GET OUR ARMS
25 AROUND THIS ISSUE. AND I SAY IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE



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1 THE TRAIN WRECKS. SO I WANT TO APPRECIATE THE WORK YOU'VE
2 DONE. WE HAVE SOME MORE CONVERSATIONS TO HAVE ABOUT THIS.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.
5 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I JUST SAY THAT IN MY AREA, THE CRIME HAS
8 INCREASED AND ALSO, WE HAVE NOT SEEN THAT DECREASE IN CRIME,
9 SO WE DO HAVE A PROBLEM. IT WAS POINTED OUT TO ME THAT WE
10 SPEND NEARLY \$45 MILLION ON COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS AND
11 DEALING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR EMPLOYMENT,
12 HOUSING AND OTHER SERVICES AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AND
13 PROGRAM. SO THERE IS A COMPONENT. NOT THAT THERE CAN'T BE
14 MORE. BUT WE ARE IN THAT SUPPORTING THOSE ALTERNATIVES. LET ME
15 ASK ASSISTANT SHERIFF MCDONALD ONCE AGAIN, ARE YOU LOOKING AT
16 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION CURRENTLY? AND IF SO, WHAT TYPE
17 OF PROGRAMS ARE YOU LOOKING AT?

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19 **TERRI MCDONALD:** YES, SIR. WE'VE ALREADY BEGUN A FEMALE
20 ALTERNATIVE TO INCARCERATION PROGRAM. WE'VE RECEIVED SOME WHAT
21 I'LL CALL FREE BEDS, GRANTS PAID FOR 20 COMMUNITY-BASED BEDS
22 IN SUPERVISED RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT. WE'VE PUT OUR FIRST 20
23 WOMEN OUT. I WILL TELL YOU, IT WASN'T EASY. WE HAVE 2,000
24 WOMEN. AND I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT WE EASILY COULD HAVE FOUND 20
25 WOMEN TO FILL IT. BUT WE WERE CHALLENGED IN A VARIETY OF WAYS.



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1 ONE, MENTAL HEALTH ACUITY WAS TOO HIGH. AND INTERESTINGLY
2 ENOUGH, MANY OF THEM DIDN'T WANT TO GO. SO WE NEED TO DO MORE
3 WORK THROUGH OUR PROGRAMMING TO EXPAND THAT. VOLUNTEERS OF
4 AMERICA HAS GIVEN US 20 MORE FEMALE COMMUNITY-BASED BEDS THAT
5 WE'LL BE MOVING WOMEN OUT TO IN AUGUST. I HOPE TO WORK THE
6 C.E.O.'S OFFICE AND PUBLIC HEALTH TO COME FORWARD WITH MORE
7 SUBSTANCE ABUSE, BOTH IN CUSTODY AND OUT OF CUSTODY. WE'RE
8 WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND DEPARTMENT OF
9 STATE HOSPITALS ABOUT IS THERE ANY DIVERSIONARY CAPACITY IN
10 THE COMMUNITY FOR LOW LEVEL, MENTALLY ILL AND SECURE
11 FACILITIES? SO WE'RE MOVING TOWARDS ALTERNATIVES CUSTODY
12 PROGRAMS. BUT CURRENTLY THAT WILL ONLY HELP REDUCE WHAT I'LL
13 CALL NONTRADITIONAL BEDS, TRIPLE BUNKS, DAY ROOM BEDS.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO YOU HAVE INMATES WHO ARE PREFERRING THE
16 JAIL OVER STRUCTURED COMMUNITY PROGRAMS?

17

18 **TERRI MCDONALD:** THESE ARE WOMEN. THE INTERESTING THING ABOUT
19 FEMALE OFFENDERS IS THAT THEY BUILD COMMUNITY WITHIN THE JAIL
20 SYSTEM, AND THEY'RE UNCOMFORTABLE GOING TO SOMETHING ELSE.
21 THEY'RE AFRAID OF FAILURE. AND SOMETIMES THEY'RE HOPING FOR
22 EARLY RELEASE. SO THEY'RE AFRAID IF THEY'LL GO OUT -- NOW,
23 THERE ARE MANY WOMEN WHO WANT TO DO THE PROGRAM. SO I DON'T
24 WANT TO BROAD BRUSH THEM. BUT IT'S NOT AS EASY AS SOME FOLKS



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1 WOULD JUST SAY ALL OF THEM ARE WILLING TO GO BECAUSE SOME ARE
2 REALLY AFRAID.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF INMATES WHO
5 COULD SAFELY BE INVOLVED WITH COMMUNITY PROGRAMS?

6

7 **TERRI MCDONALD:** IT'S DIFFICULT TO KNOW, SIR. IT'S CONTINGENT
8 ON A FUNDING FOR THOSE PROGRAMS. IT'S CONTINGENT ON
9 SUPERVISION. IT'S CONTINGENT, REALLY ON NIMBYISM CHALLENGES.
10 WILL THE COMMUNITIES ACCEPT THE OFFENDERS WE'RE TRYING TO
11 PLACE THERE? BUT I ASSURE YOU WE WILL BEGIN TO GROW THAT
12 POPULATION AS WE GET BETTER IN A MEANINGFUL AND PUBLIC SAFETY
13 MINDED WAY. AND RIGHT NOW IT'S TOO SOON FOR ME TO BE ABLE TO
14 PROJECT WHAT THAT WOULD BE BUT WE'RE COMMITTED TO IT.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HAVE YOU DISCUSSED THE OPTIONS INTERNALLY
17 FROM THE STANDPOINT OF OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCIES OR CHALLENGES
18 AND RANKED THEM IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE?

19

20 **TERRI MCDONALD:** AS A MATTER OF FACT, I SPOKE ABOUT THEM TODAY.
21 LET'S TAKE THE MALE FIRE CAMP CONTRACT. PUSHING WHERE IS THAT,
22 I HAVE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST ON IT SO I CAN'T ENGAGE IN IT.
23 BUT WHERE IS THE CONTRACT? LET'S GET THAT THING MOVING. THE
24 WOMEN. LET'S GET HUNDREDS OF WOMEN ON THAT WAIT LIST SO THAT
25 IF WE GET FUNDING AVAILABLE AND THERE ARE BEDS AVAILABLE,



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1 WE'RE READY TO GO. SO I'M PUSHING MY TEAM EVERY DAY, INCLUDING
2 LOOKING AT OUR RISK ASSESSMENT TOOLS AND OUR NEEDS TOOLS. I
3 PUSHED NORTH POINT TO LOOK DIFFERENTLY. SO, SIR, WE'RE PUSHING
4 VERY HARD IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND YOU'VE HEARD QUESTIONS TO VINER ABOUT
7 INMATES SERVING THEIR FULL-TIME. AND GIVEN YOUR EXPERIENCE IN
8 CORRECTIONS, WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON
9 THAT?

10

11 **TERRI MCDONALD:** MY EXPERIENCE IS NOT EVERY INMATE NEEDS A JAIL
12 BED. SOME INMATES CAN LIVE IN WORK FURLOUGH CENTERS. SOME
13 INMATES CAN DO FINE IN SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT. BUT, YOU
14 KNOW, THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS THERE'S RISK ASSOCIATED WHEN
15 YOU'RE MANAGING OFFENDERS IN THE COMMUNITY. AND I'VE BEEN
16 SUBJECT TO A LOT OF CRITICISM IN MY PREVIOUS ROLE WHERE WE
17 PLACED SOMEBODY IN A COMMUNITY-BASED BED, AND THEY ESCAPED OR
18 ABSCONDED FROM THE BED AND THEY COMMITTED A VIOLENT CRIME
19 AGAINST A CITIZEN. AND SO THAT'S WHY I LIKE TO DO THINGS IN A
20 THOUGHTFUL, DELIBERATE, PUBLIC SAFETY MINDED WAY. THESE AREN'T
21 EASY CHOICES FOR THE BOARD NOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO
22 MAKE. BUT THOSE ARE THE RESPONSIBLE RISKS THAT THE SHERIFF AND
23 I ARE WILLING TO LEAD.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE'RE BEING FACED WITH A SERIAL RAPIST WHO'S
2 HAD PROBLEMS WITH BEING RESENTENCED AND SENT BACK OVER AND
3 OVER AGAIN, EVEN COMMITTING HIMSELF BECAUSE HE THOUGHT HE WAS
4 A DANGER. SO THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO DO BELONG INCARCERATED.

5

6 **TERRI MCDONALD:** YES, SIR.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK VINIR. WHAT WAS THE METHODOLOGY
9 THAT YOU USED TO REVIEW ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION? WHAT
10 DID YOU FIND IN YOUR FINDINGS?

11

12 **ROB NASH:** WE SPENT QUITE A BIT OF TIME GOING THROUGH THE VERA
13 REPORT AND THE AUSTIN REPORT. THOSE ARE TWO VERY EXHAUSTIVE,
14 DETAILED REPORTS THAT WE FELT COVERED THAT GROUND
15 SUFFICIENTLY. EACH OF THEM LAID OUT SORT OF A GAME PLAN FOR
16 POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION. WE'VE SPOKEN WITH VARIOUS
17 STAKEHOLDERS WITHIN THE COUNTY AS TO THE LIKELIHOOD OR
18 POSSIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTATION OF SOME OF THOSE. MANY OF THEM
19 HAVE IDENTIFIED ISSUES OR HURDLES WITH IMPLEMENTATION OR THEY
20 REQUIRE THE COOPERATION OF MULTIPLE AGENCIES AND NOT EVERYONE
21 IS ON BOARD. WE FELT THAT THIS REPORT IS REALLY, IN ADDITION
22 TO THOSE REPORTS, THAT IT DIDN'T NEED TO COVER THAT GROUND
23 AGAIN. IT'S BEEN COVERED. AND THAT THE OPTIONS THAT WE'RE
24 PROPOSING ALLOW THE EXPANSION OF MANY OF THE ALTERNATIVES TO
25 INCARCERATION THAT ARE OUTLINED IN THOSE TWO STUDIES TO BECOME



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1 A REALITY AND STILL WORK WITHIN THE OVERALL FRAMEWORK OF THE
2 OPTIONS IN TERMS OF ALLOWING THE COUNTY TO ACHIEVE SOME OF ITS
3 OTHER GOALS THAT IT MAY HAVE.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK DR. SOUTHARD. THE VINIR REPORT
6 INDICATES THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE A 40 TO 50 PERCENT INCREASE
7 IN THE NEED FOR JAIL MENTAL HEALTH CARE OVER THE NEXT 5 YEARS.
8 THAT'S BEING PROJECTED BY YOUR DEPARTMENT AND STAFF.
9 APPARENTLY, IS THIS PARTLY DUE TO RE-ALIGNMENT? COULD YOU
10 SPEAK ON THAT?

11

12 **MARVIN SOUTHARD:** SUPERVISOR, IT'S BEEN OUR EXPERIENCE SO FAR
13 THAT THE PRESSURES IN THE JAIL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM, BOTH ON
14 THE HIGH END AND THE LOWER END NEEDS ARE GREATER EVEN THOUGH
15 THE POPULATION HAS REMAINED ESSENTIALLY ABOUT THE SAME. THE
16 NEED FOR MENTAL HEALTHCARE WITHIN THE JAIL HAS INCREASED.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF YOU HAD A CORRECTIONAL TREATMENT FACILITY,
19 WHAT TYPE OF STAFFING WOULD YOU REQUIRE?

20

21 **MARVIN SOUTHARD:** SUPERVISOR, IT WOULD DEPEND IN PART ON THE
22 EXACT NATURE OF THE TREATMENT FACILITY THAT WE WOULD ENVISION
23 HAVING. BUT WE WOULD THINK THAT THE BEST WAY TO CONFIGURE THE
24 PROGRAM WOULD BE TO CONFIGURE THE PROGRAM IN SUCH A WAY THAT
25 WHERE THERE WERE OPTIONS FOR RUNNING THE PROGRAM IN SUCH A WAY



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1 TO GET FEDERAL PARTICIPATION IN THE COST, WE COULD CONFIGURE
2 THE PROGRAM IN THOSE WAYS TO HELP PAY FOR SOME PARTS OF THE
3 COST PROGRAM AND ASSISTANT SHERIFF MCDONALD AND I ARE
4 CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF PREBOOKING DIVERSION PROGRAMS
5 ATTACHED TO A TREATMENT PROGRAM AS A WAY OF PERHAPS
6 INCENTIVIZING PEOPLE INTO TREATMENT AT THE FIRST OFFENSE,
7 MINOR OFFENSE IN WAYS THAT COULD GET THEM COMMITTED TO
8 TREATMENT BUT NOT CRIMINALIZE THEM. SO I THINK THE EXACT
9 NATURE OF THE STAFFING AND SIZE WOULD BE RELATED TO THE KINDS
10 OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMS WE'RE ABLE TO INSTITUTE OR NOT.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT PERCENTAGE ARE YOU LOOKING AT?

13

14 **MARVIN SOUTHARD:** WELL, THE PERCENTAGE HERE, IF YOU LOOK AT IT,
15 SUPERVISOR, IT'S ABOUT 15 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION. IF THERE
16 ARE 20,000, WE'RE LOOKING AT ABOUT 3,000. AND THE BULK OF
17 THOSE WOULD NOT BE THE INTENSIVE NEEDS SERVICES, THE INPATIENT
18 TYPE SERVICES OR THE HIGH OBSERVATION. THE BULK OF THOSE WOULD
19 PROBABLY BE INDIVIDUALS WITH A RELATIVELY MINOR MENTAL HEALTH
20 PROBLEM THAT IS COMPLICATED BY A SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEM. I
21 THINK THAT'S THE TYPICAL INMATE THAT WE SEE IN OUR JAILS IS
22 SOMEBODY THAT HAS A MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEM, BUT IT WOULDN'T BE
23 REALLY A BIG MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEM BUT FOR THEIR ADDICTION
24 ISSUES THAT COMPLICATE IT.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I READ THAT ONE OF THE HIGHEST PAID EMPLOYEES
2 IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS IS THEIR PSYCHOLOGIST WHO
3 MAKES ABOUT \$850,000 A YEAR. OUR PSYCHOLOGISTS, PSYCHIATRISTS
4 ARE NOT IN THAT BALLPARK, ARE THEY?

5

6 **MARVIN SOUTHARD:** THEY ARE CERTAINLY NOT, SUPERVISOR.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST COMMENT THAT WE DO HAVE A
9 COMPREHENSIVE REPORT THAT SETS FORTH THE FIVE ALTERNATIVES. WE
10 HAVE FIVE OPTIONS TO CONSIDER. THE INDEPENDENT FINDINGS IS
11 THAT WE DO HAVE TO REPLACE CENTRAL JAIL. AND WE ALL AGREE TO
12 THAT AND NEEDS TO BE DEMOLISHED AND REPLACED. BUT WHAT THE
13 NEXT STEPS ARE: WHAT ARE THE FACTS AND FIGURES ON THOSE
14 PROGRAMS? AND WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO LOOK LIKE? WHAT TYPE OF
15 STAFFING IS REQUIRED AS WELL AS THE COST OF THAT OPERATION?
16 AND THOSE FACTS AND FIGURES ARE REQUIRED BEFORE ANY FINAL
17 DECISION WOULD BE ABLE TO BE MAKING A SELECTION OF THAT
18 PARTICULAR OPTION TO THEN PROCEED WITH. BUT AFTER ALL THE
19 MEMBERS SPEAK, MR. CHAIRMAN, I'LL INTRODUCE A MOTION THAT I
20 WOULD LIKE TO PUT ON THE TABLE.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I THINK
23 THOSE MEMBERS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD HAVE BEEN HEARD UNLESS
24 ADDITIONAL INTERVENTION IS WANTED. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, SIR. FIRST OF ALL, LET ME THANK THE VANIR
2 FOLKS FOR THEIR REPORT. I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH THEM
3 YESTERDAY BECAUSE I WANTED TO ASK THEM QUESTIONS AND I TOLD
4 THEM I WOULD ASK THOSE QUESTIONS TODAY. FIRST OF ALL, THE
5 ANALYSIS OF THE COSTS THAT ARE GOING TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE
6 BUILDING OF A LARGER -- OF THE FACILITY THAT IS GOING TO NOW
7 HOUSE MENTAL HEALTH AND OTHER INMATES THAT NEED SUBSTANCE
8 ABUSE/MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE AND SO ON HAS NOT BEEN COSTED
9 OUT AND FOR THE MOST PART WE DON'T KNOW. BUT IT IS GOING TO
10 TAKE A HIGHER LEVEL OF TRAINED PERSONNEL IN ORDER TO MEET
11 REQUIREMENTS AND TO DEAL WITH THOSE TYPES OF INMATES THAT ARE
12 GOING TO HAVE. SO IS THERE A BALLPARK FIGURE THAT YOU KNOW OF
13 WHAT IT COSTS, LET'S SAY FOR A PER PERSON INCARCERATION OF
14 SOMEBODY WHO HAS MENTAL HEALTH/SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEMS THAT
15 YOU COULD USE AS A BALLPARK THAT WOULD GIVE US SOME KIND OF
16 ESTIMATE NOW OF HOUSING THAT MANY PATIENTS OR THAT MANY
17 PRISONERS WITH THOSE KINDS OF PROBLEMS? IS THERE A FIGURE? NO?
18 IN OTHER WORDS, THERE IS NO LIKE FACILITY ANYWHERE ELSE?

19

20 **CANDY ROBERTS:** IT SO DEPENDS ON THE PARTICULAR PROGRAM THAT
21 THEY'RE GOING TO OPERATE.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. AND I TAKE IT THAT OUR PROGRAM
24 WOULD HAVE ALL THOSE VARIATIONS AND LEVELS, RIGHT? I'M JUST
25 SAYING IN NEW YORK, IN CHICAGO, IS THERE ANY LIKE FACILITY



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1 THAT HAS THE PROPOSAL YOU'RE MAKING IS YOU MADE A
2 DETERMINATION ALREADY WHAT IT'S GOING TO COST US BY THE KIND
3 OF -- AND YOU PUT PROGRAM ELEMENTS IN IT FROM THE STANDPOINT
4 OF WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO BUILD. SO THERE MUST BE A PROGRAM
5 COMPONENT THAT DEALS WITH THE KIND OF STAFFING THAT YOU'RE
6 GOING TO NEED. SO IS THERE SOME KIND OF FIGURE OTHER THAN
7 GOING THROUGH -- I KNOW YOU HAVE TO DEVELOP THE PROGRAM TO BE
8 MORE EXACT. I'M JUST TALKING ABOUT A PER COST OF PRISONER PER
9 DAY, WHICH I KNOW IS A STANDARD THAT IS USED ACROSS THE
10 COUNTRY ON DIFFERENT LEVELS OF INCARCERATION.

11
12 **TERRI MCDONALD:** MAYBE I CAN TAKE THIS ONE. IN MY PRIOR JOB, WE
13 SPENT A LOT OF TIME TRYING TO SPEND TIME TRYING TO FIGURE OUT
14 PER COST PER OFFENDER PER DAY ACROSS THE SPECTRUM, SUPERVISOR.
15 IT SOMETIMES WAS HARD TO COMPARE APPLES TO ORANGES. BECAUSE
16 LET'S TAKE CALIFORNIA AGAINST TEXAS. TEXAS IS ALWAYS GOING TO
17 BE LOWER BECAUSE THE COST OF LIVING IS LOWER, THE EMPLOYEE
18 WAGE IS LOWER. I SUSPECT THEY COULD LOOK AT STATE HOSPITALS,
19 THE COST TO KEEP AN OFFENDER IN A STATE HOSPITAL IS ABOUT
20 \$225,000 A YEAR. BUT THAT'S NOT A FAIR COMPARISON BECAUSE
21 THEIR STAFFING COULD BE MORE ROBUST. WE COULD USE STATE
22 CORRECTIONS. AGAIN, A DIFFICULT COMPARISON BECAUSE THEIR PAY
23 IS DIFFERENT. AND THE FEDERAL COURTS ORDER A MORE ROBUST
24 STAFFING MODEL THAN WE MAY EXPERIENCE IN THE COUNTY. SO I
25 THINK FAIREST TO YOU IT WOULD BE BEST FOR US TO SIT DOWN AND



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1 COME UP WITH A MODEL AND TRY TO PUT A PRICE TO IT. WE CAN
2 CERTAINLY GET SOME OF THE PRICES BUT I THINK IT MAY CREATE A
3 PROBLEM FOR APPLES TO ORANGES COMPARISON.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S TALK ABOUT APPLES THEN. I WANT
6 TO HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING. TO STAFF RIGHT NOW THE 4,000, THE
7 PROPOSED 4,825 WITHOUT THE PROFESSIONAL TEAM COST WHAT PER
8 UNIT?

9

10 **JOHN KUPRENAS:** ARE YOU ASKING STAFFING COSTS?

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES.

13

14 **JOHN KUPRENAS:** WE DON'T HAVE THAT ANSWER.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** AGAIN, NOT MENTALLY ILL. NO MENTAL HEALTH. NO
17 SUBSTANCE ABUSE. JUST STAFFING COST OF 4,825 FELONS,
18 INCARCERATED FELONS. SOMEBODY MUST KNOW. BECAUSE I'M WONDERING
19 -- THERE MUST BE A FIGURE, COME ON.

20

21 **TERRI MCDONALD:** SUPERVISOR, WE'LL HAVE TO GET BACK TO YOU ON
22 THAT ONE. THE STAFFING COSTS ARE ALWAYS DIFFERENT. IF YOU TAKE
23 4,000 INMATES AT N.C.C.F., FOR EXAMPLE, THAT'S ALL DORM
24 HOUSING, AGAINST 4,000 INMATES AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT'S THE COST THERE?

2

3 **TERRI MCDONALD:** I DON'T HAVE IT IN FRONT OF ME, MA'AM, I'M
4 SORRY. BUT THE STAFFING MODELS ARE DIFFERENT. BUT WE'LL GET
5 THAT TO YOU.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND THE STAFFING MODELS. I'M JUST
8 TALKING ABOUT A BALLPARK AVERAGE. THIS IS NOT REALLY THAT
9 HARD.

10

11 **TERRI MCDONALD:** THE AVERAGE OF \$120 A DAY. IT CAN VARY UP AND
12 DOWN. BUT THAT IS KIND OF THE GLOBAL COST MARKET, ROUGHLY
13 THAT, MA'AM.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** \$120 A DAY.

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17 **TERRI MCDONALD:** PER OFFENDER.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT ISN'T WITH ANY OF THE SPECIALTY SERVICES OR
20 ANYTHING. SO THAT WOULD BE A BASELINE?

21

22 **TERRI MCDONALD:** I BELIEVE THOSE ARE LOADED INTO SOME OF THOSE.
23 THE CURRENT MENTAL HEALTH. BUT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
24 HAS THEIR OWN STAFFING MODEL. THAT DOESN'T COME FROM THE L.A.
25 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK, BECAUSE THAT'S SOMETHING WE'RE GOING TO
3 NEED TO KNOW. I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S THE IDEA THAT YOU'RE GOING
4 TO HAVE TO TAKE SIX MONTHS TO BUILD THE STAFFING MODEL AND
5 THEN START FIGURING OUT BACKWARDS. SO YOU'RE SAYING IF WE GIVE
6 YOU A GOAL OF THIS OPTION TO LOOK AT, YOU'RE SAYING IT'S GOING
7 TO TAKE SIX MONTHS TO GIVE US AN ESTIMATE OF THE PROGRAMMATIC
8 COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH IT?

9

10 **JOHN KUPRENAS:** WE'LL BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU STAFFING COSTS FOR
11 EXISTING FACILITIES EARLIER WORKING WITH THE C.E.O. HOWEVER,
12 FOR THE C.C.T.F. I THINK IT WILL TAKE THE FULL SIX MONTHS.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** FULL SIX MONTHS. BUT RIGHT NOW IF IT WERE JUST
15 BASED ON THE NUMBER OF -- IF THEY WERE NON-MENTAL HEALTH AND
16 NON-SUBSTANCE ABUSERS, WE'RE TALKING THAT A BALLPARK AVERAGE
17 WOULD BE \$120 A DAY. CORRECT?

18

19 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE HAVE, FROM PRIOR REPORTS WE HAVE SOME
20 STAFFING INFORMATION. I'M ASKING STAFF TO PULL THOSE REPORTS
21 RIGHT NOW. BUT AS PART OF THE REPORT BACK, THE THREE OF US CAN
22 WORK TOGETHER TO GIVE YOU THAT.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE ONE OF THE THINGS WE NEED TO FIND OUT AND
25 FIGURE OUT, AS WELL IS WHAT IS THE PROGRAMMING MODEL THAT



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1 YOU'RE GOING TO BE PLACING INTO THAT IN ORDER TO GET A BETTER
2 UNDERSTANDING? SINCE WE DON'T HAVE AND WE KNOW WE HAVE
3 MENTALLY ILL OFFENDERS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSERS AND DUAL
4 DIAGNOSES AND THOSE THINGS, BUT WE DON'T HAVE TODAY, OR AT
5 LEAST I DON'T KNOW THOSE NUMBERS TODAY OF WHAT WE HAVE. SO ONE
6 OF THE THINGS WE NEED TO ASK BACK IS FOR YOU TO GIVE US OUR
7 PRESENT PROGRAM, WHICH WE DON'T HAVE. I'D LIKE TO HAVE A
8 BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WHO WE ARE HOUSING AND WHAT LEVEL. AND
9 THE SAME THING FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN ON THAT END OF IT. NOW,
10 THE QUESTION THAT I RAISED YESTERDAY, AND IT DEALS WITH TRYING
11 TO GET A BETTER APPRECIATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF WHY WE'RE
12 BUILDING UP TO THIS NUMBER, WHY WE'VE DECIDED THAT THIS IS THE
13 RIGHT NUMBER THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE UTILIZING WAS TRYING TO
14 GET A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IS THE B.S.C.C., IS THAT
15 CORRECT? B.S.C.C.?

16

17 **JOHN KUPRENAS:** THAT'S CORRECT.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. AND SO RIGHT NOW, OUR B.S.C.C. ON ALL OF
20 OUR FACILITIES IS REALLY QUITE LOW, WHICH IS BY STATE CODE AND
21 SOME OTHER CODE THAT YOU CITED TO ME SAYS THIS FACILITY SHOULD
22 HAVE 760 PRISONERS. OR IS IT BEDS? BY CODE.

23

24 **ROB NASH:** IT WAS 131 PERCENT.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, I'M TALKING ABOUT LET'S SAY THE FACILITY. WE
2 CAN FIND ONE THERE, THERE IS MANY OF THEM THERE. LET'S SAY ONE
3 SAYS 760 B.S.C.C., IS THAT BEDS OR PRISONERS?

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5 **ROB NASH:** THAT'S BEDS.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S BEDS. SO WHEN YOU TRANSLATE THAT INTO HOW
8 MANY PRISONERS ARE GOING TO GO INTO WITH THAT, LET'S SAY THAT
9 760 NUMBER. AND THAT BECOMES ACTUAL PEOPLE. WHAT IS THE TERM
10 THAT'S USED FOR THAT? THAT TRANSITION?

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12 **ROB NASH:** TRANSITION BETWEEN THE NUMBER OF BEDS AND THE NUMBER
13 OF INMATES?

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15 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES. THERE'S A NUMBER OF BEDS FOR THE B.S.C.C.,
16 RIGHT?

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18 **ROB NASH:** UM-HM.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S THE BASE NUMBER OF BEDS THAT ARE AVAILABLE
21 TO ACCOMMODATE -- MY ASSUMPTION LIKE MOST PEOPLE WHO ARE
22 PROFESSIONALS IN THIS AREA, A BED CONNOTES A PERSON, OKAY?
23 WHETHER THEY'RE IN A SINGLE CELL OR IN A DOUBLE CELL OR
24 WHETHER THEY'RE DOUBLE BUNKED, TO ME THAT'S THE NUMBER. BUT
25 YOU'RE SAYING THAT'S NOT THE NUMBER, NECESSARILY, RIGHT?



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2 **ROB NASH:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WHEN YOU TRANSLATE IT AND SAY I'M GOING TO PUT
5 1400 PEOPLE IN THIS FACILITY THAT HAS A B.S.C.C. OF 760, WHAT
6 IS THAT NUMBER?

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8 **ROB NASH:** WELL, YOU HAVE A CAPACITY.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO. WHAT IS IT CALLED? WHAT IS THE TERM THAT'S
11 USED?

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13 **TERRI MCDONALD:** OPERATING CAPACITY IS GENERAL, THE GENERAL
14 TERM USED IN THE BUSINESS IS OPERATING CAPACITY.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. OPERATING CAPACITY. SO YOU HAVE THE
17 B.S.C.C. AND THEN YOU HAVE OPERATING CAPACITY. THIS IS WHERE
18 THOSE PERCENTAGES COME IN, RIGHT? SO I NEED TO APPRECIATE AND
19 UNDERSTAND WHAT THOSE ELEMENTS ARE AND EACH ONE WOULD BE
20 UNIQUE. IF YOU BUILT SINGLE-CELL FACILITIES, DOES IT ALLOW FOR
21 DOUBLE BUNKING? DOES IT NOT ALLOW? I DON'T KNOW. SO YOU NEED
22 TO TELL ME WHAT IS THE TOLERANCE LEVEL FOR WHAT THAT OPERATING
23 CAPACITY IS? THAT'S WHERE THE STATE IS SORT OF GETTING IN
24 TROUBLE BESIDES NOT PROVIDING SERVICES. THAT'S HOW WE GOT IN
25 TROUBLE FOR RUTHERFORD, QUOTE, "OVERCROWDING." THAT'S WHY I



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1 WANT TO UNDERSTAND. SO WHAT IS THE TOLERANCE LEVEL? ACCORDING
2 TO YOUR REPORT, YOU'RE PUTTING IT AT 131, IS THAT CORRECT?

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4 **ROB NASH:** NO. THE 131 IS THE EXISTING SITUATION.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** 131 IS THE EXISTING SITUATION.

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8 **ROB NASH:** YES, CORRECT.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND YOU ARE MOVING IT TO THE 124?

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12 **ROB NASH:** 120, 124 DEPENDING UPON THE OPTION, THAT'S CORRECT.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S OPERATING CAPACITY, RIGHT?

15

16 **ROB NASH:** THAT'S REALLY THE RATIO OF OPERATING CAPACITY TO
17 B.S.C.C. CAPACITY.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. BUT AGAIN YOU DO IT BY OVERALL NUMBERS?

20

21 **ROB NASH:** THAT'S CORRECT.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND NOT BY FACILITY.

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1 **ROB NASH:** WE LOOK AT EACH FACILITY, BUT THOSE PERCENTAGES
2 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ARE SYSTEM-WIDE.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. BUT YOU DON'T HAVE A RATIONALE OR
5 ANYTHING THAT SAYS THAT'S THE TOLERANCE LEVEL. RIGHT NOW AT
6 THE STATE THEY ARE USING A CERTAIN TOLERANCE LEVEL, WHICH IS,
7 WHAT? 137?

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9 **TERRI MCDONALD:** THE FEDERAL COURT ORDERED 137.5.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE FEDERAL COURT ORDERED 137. SO AGAIN WE'RE
12 TRYING TO FIGURE OUT THAT IF IN FACT WE HAVE 189 OR 190
13 OCCUPANCY, IF IT WERE A STATE PRISON, WE'D BE IN VIOLATION OF
14 THAT FEDERAL ORDER, CORRECT? I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING TO WORRY
15 ABOUT. AND I THINK THAT WE NEED TO HAVE THAT ANALYSIS. AND FOR
16 MY COLLEAGUES, I REALLY THINK WHEN WE TALK ABOUT RECONFIGURING
17 THIS POPULATION, I'M CONCERNED THAT WE HAVE CERTAIN FACILITIES
18 THAT ARE WAY BEYOND THAT THAT WOULD MAKE US POTENTIALLY
19 LEGALLY LIABLE FOR ANOTHER LEVEL OF EXPANSION OR BUILDING. AND
20 I THINK THAT IS A REAL THREAT. AND I THINK IT WOULD BE A
21 MISTAKE TO NOT THINK IT'S A REAL THREAT. SO SOMEWHERE IN THERE
22 YOU NEED TO AT LEAST ADVISE ME AND US AS TO HOW COULD WE GET,
23 LET'S SAY, EACH OF THESE FACILITIES TO GO WITH AT LEAST THE
24 FEDERAL LEVEL AT THIS POINT BECAUSE SOME JUDGES DICTATED THE



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1 137, WHICH IS GOING TO CREATE A DIFFERENT CONFIGURATION OF ALL
2 THE VARIOUS OPTIONS THAT YOU PROVIDED.

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4 **JOHN KUPRENAS:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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6 **ROB NASH:** YES. WE UNDERSTAND.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND SO I NEED TO SEE THAT BECAUSE I REALLY THINK
9 THAT IT IS GOING TO BE A TANGIBLE PROBLEM AS WE APPROACH THIS.
10 AND WHILE WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE COST HERE, WHICH IS A BIG
11 COST IT IS ALSO A CONCERN AS TO HOW MUCH IT'S GOING TO COST US
12 IF WE GO GET INTO A LEGAL LIABILITY SITUATION OR FIND
13 OURSELVES IN A VERY SIMILAR SITUATION AS THE STATE IS RIGHT
14 NOW IN SAYING: YOU'VE GOT TOO MANY, YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH
15 SERVICES FOR THEM, SO THROW THEM OUT. I KNOW THAT FOR ME AND
16 THE DISTRICT I REPRESENT AND THE PEOPLE WHO CAME HERE, THEY
17 ARE NOT THE PEOPLE THAT I FOR THE MOST PART REPRESENT. THE
18 SAFETY ISSUE IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD IS PARAMOUNT. AND I THINK ANY
19 ELECTED OFFICIAL THAT RUNS TODAY IS NOT TALKING ABOUT SAFER
20 NEIGHBORHOODS AND FINDING THOSE WAYS TO PATROL OUR STREETS, TO
21 FIND THOSE THAT ARE CREATING CRIMES OR ABUSING THE LAW AND
22 FINDING THAT THEY'RE GETTING INTO SOME KIND OF A JUSTICE
23 SYSTEM, GETTING, YOU KNOW, GOING THROUGH THE COURTS AND
24 HOPEFULLY GETTING SENTENCED IS WHAT WE WANT. THAT'S OUR GOAL.
25 BECAUSE THE REST OF US WOULD LIKE TO BE KEPT SAFE FROM THEM.



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1 BUT AT THE SAME TIME, WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY WHILE WE HAVE
2 THEM IN OUR FACILITIES TO PROVIDE THE KINDS OF SERVICES
3 BECAUSE THE ROTATION OF COMING OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY IS JUST
4 SOMETHING THAT IS GOING ON, AS WELL, AND IS ALSO CREATING AN
5 UNSAFE ENVIRONMENT. AGAIN, I DON'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT THE
6 RESEARCH OR RECIDIVISM OR ALL OF THOSE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED.
7 CERTAINLY IN THE MENTAL HEALTH AREA, WE KNOW THAT IF BY
8 EXPANDING AND TAKING CARE OF MENTAL HEALTH, THERE ARE CERTAIN
9 PEOPLE THAT ARE GOING TO BE APPROPRIATELY SERVED AND IT WILL
10 SERVE THEM FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES. THE MAJORITY OF THEM,
11 IT WILL NOT. THE MAJORITY WILL NOT BECAUSE ONCE THEY LEAVE,
12 THEY'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE THE MEDICATION. ONCE THEY LEAVE,
13 THEY'RE NOT GOING TO FOLLOW THE ROUTINE THAT THEY WILL FOLLOW
14 UNDER A SYSTEM WHERE YOU ARE FORCED TO TAKE MEDICATION FOR THE
15 MOST PART. OR COUNSELING OR OTHER KINDS OF ASSISTANCE AND
16 GUIDANCE. SO THERE'S A LOT GOING ON THERE. SO WE NEED TO KNOW
17 THE COST OF THOSE THINGS. BUT TO ME, I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO
18 FIND OUT HOW TO STAY WITHIN THAT FEDERAL MANDATE IF THERE IS
19 ONE, WHICH IS 137. PER FACILITY. NOT OVERALL. AND WE NEED TO
20 KNOW IF THAT IS GOING TO MEET OUR NEEDS FROM THE STANDPOINT OF
21 A NUMBER OF BEDS UNDER THIS CONFIGURATION THAT YOU HAVE, THE
22 HIGHEST CONFIGURATION YOU HAVE IS OPTION D, OR IS IT E? OPTION
23 4? IS THAT CORRECT?

24

25 **ROB NASH:** YES.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** OPTION 4 IS THE LARGEST CONFIGURATION, WHICH IS
3 AT 21,000, CORRECT?

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5 **JOHN KUPRENAS:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WE NEED TO KNOW AND I'D LIKE TO KNOW THAT
8 BECAUSE I THINK IT'S A VERY, VERY REAL DANGER. NOW, SECOND OF
9 ALL, THERE IS THE ISSUE OF, AS WE DEVELOP THIS PROGRAM IN THE
10 AREA OF MENTAL HEALTH, I DON'T KNOW HOW THAT'S GOING TO BE
11 DEFINED AND HOW YOU'RE GOING TO DO THAT. BECAUSE I THINK THAT
12 TRYING TO GET AN UNDERSTANDING, SINCE WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE
13 PROGRAM ELEMENTS ARE TODAY OF TODAY'S JAIL SYSTEM, AND WHICH
14 ONE OF THE THINGS WE NEED TO GET IS THAT PROGRAM CONFIGURATION
15 SO THAT WHAT WE HAVE NOW IS GOING TO FIT INTO THE NEW. BECAUSE
16 I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE MEASURING AGAINST. AND SO THAT'S
17 GOING TO BE AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT. I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG
18 THAT'S GOING TO TAKE TO GET IT. WE KNOW WHAT THE PROGRAM
19 COMPONENT IS TODAY. SO WE SHOULDN'T TAKE THAT LONG TO TELL US.
20 WE PROBABLY JUST DON'T KNOW THE LEVEL OF THE MENTAL HEALTH
21 VARIATIONS AT THIS POINT IN TIME BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW THE
22 LEVEL OF ASSESSMENT. BUT YOU DO ALREADY KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE
23 ARE RECEIVING MEDICATION, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND SO ON. SO
24 WE SHOULD KNOW THAT LEVEL OF PROGRAMMING. SO THEN THAT ISSUE
25 THAT COMES UP FOR ME -- AND IT'S COUNTER TO WHAT SUPERVISOR



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1 YAROSLAVSKY IS SAYING, IS THAT RIGHT NOW THERE IS A REAL
2 PROBLEM AS FAR AS OUR INMATES. I THINK THAT THE COMMUNITY THAT
3 I COME FROM AND I THINK THAT WHAT MOST PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO
4 SEE, IF YOU GET SENTENCED TO A YEAR IN JAIL, IF YOU GET
5 SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS IN JAIL, PROBABLY MOST ALL OF US WOULD
6 LIKE TO SEE YOU SERVE THAT ENTIRE TIME. I DON'T MIND PEOPLE
7 GETTING TIME OFF FOR BEHAVING APPROPRIATELY. I DON'T MIND
8 PEOPLE GETTING TIME OFF FOR, YOU KNOW, DOING THINGS TO CREATE
9 POINTS OR WHATEVER YOU DO IN THE SYSTEM. BUT TO ARBITRARILY
10 CUT OFF A FELON'S TIME JUST BECAUSE I HAVE NO MORE ROOM FOR
11 YOU IS A PROBLEM FOR ME. AND I THINK THAT WE'VE BEEN MANAGING
12 OUR JAILS JUST EXACTLY THAT WAY. AND I AM BEING TOLD THAT MOST
13 OF CALIFORNIA COUNTIES ARE MANAGING THEIR JAILS IN THAT
14 FASHION. CORRECT?

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16 **ROGER GRANBO, COUNSEL:** MOST OF THEM BUT IT IS CERTAINLY SOME
17 OF THEM.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE'RE GOING TO FIND OUT BECAUSE WE ARE GOING TO
20 GET MR. GRANBO TO CALL ALL THE COUNTIES AND FIND OUT HOW MANY
21 OF THEM -- BECAUSE I WANT TO KNOW: RIGHT NOW, OUR SYSTEM ON
22 AVERAGE A FELON WILL SERVE 40 PERCENT OF THEIR TIME, IS THAT
23 CORRECT, MS. MCDONALD?

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1 **TERRI MCDONALD:** IN THE L.A. COUNTY JAILS, IF YOU'RE AN A.B.109
2 OFFENDER, YOU'RE--

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO. THAT'S A DIFFERENT ISSUE. I DIDN'T ASK THAT
5 QUESTION YET.

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7 **TERRI MCDONALD:** THE STATE PRISON SYSTEM THEY SERVE 100 PERCENT
8 OF THEIR SENTENCE.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** IF THEY'RE WHAT?

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12 **TERRI MCDONALD:** IN THE STATE PRISON SYSTEM, THEY SERVE 100
13 PERCENT. NOW, REMEMBER, THEIR SENTENCES ARE ERODED THROUGH
14 LEGISLATIVELY MANDATED CREDIT EARNING.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** MS. MCDONALD, PLEASE ANSWER MY QUESTION.

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18 **TERRI MCDONALD:** I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND IT.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY, THEN LET'S GO BACK TO MY QUESTION. RIGHT
21 NOW A CONVICTED FELON WHO IS SENTENCED IN OUR COUNTY JAIL, NOT
22 109, SERVES WHAT PERCENTAGE OF TIME IN THE JAILS?

23



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1 **TERRI MCDONALD:** I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT UNDERSTANDING YOUR
2 QUESTION. THEY SERVE ANYWHERE FROM 20 TO 40 PERCENT OF THEIR
3 SENTENCE.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THE MAXIMUM THAT THEY SERVE NOW IS 40 PERCENT
6 OF THE TIME. AND IT IS ADJUSTED ACCORDINGLY DEPENDING ON HOW
7 MUCH SPACE THEY HAVE. SO SOMEBODY MIGHT SERVE ONLY 10, 20
8 PERCENT AND ANOTHER ONE MIGHT SERVE 40. I KNOW THERE IS
9 INEQUITY THAT WOMEN ARE JUST SERVING A LOT LESS THAN MOST MEN
10 FOR SIMILAR OFFENSES. THAT'S SOMETHING THAT IS GOING ON
11 BECAUSE OF THE CAPACITY LEVEL. I THINK THAT'S AN ISSUE, AS
12 WELL. BUT THE POINT IS I WANT TO GET AN UNDERSTANDING OF THAT
13 WE NEED TO FIND A WAY OR I NEED TO FIND A WAY SINCE WE'RE
14 GOING TO SPEND 1.4, 1.7 BILLION AT THE END OF THE DAY IS THAT
15 WHILE WE CANNOT AFFORD TO HAVE EVERY FELON SERVE 100 PERCENT
16 OF THEIR TIME, ALTHOUGH I THINK WE REALLY, THE PUBLIC THINKS
17 THAT WE DO. WHEN THEY SIT ON JURIES AND THEY SIT THERE AND SAY
18 THAT HE'S GUILTY, THEY'RE ASSUMING THAT THEY'RE GOING TO GET
19 THEIR 2 TO 3 YEARS OR WHATEVER IT IS THAT THEY'RE DECIDED TO
20 DO. BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, THEY MAY SERVE A COUPLE OF
21 MONTHS. AND I DON'T THINK THAT PEOPLE ARE UNDERSTANDING THAT.
22 SO I WANT TO HAVE -- I DO NOT WANT RIGHT NOW OUR JAILS TO BE
23 MANAGED ON WE ONLY HAVE SO MUCH SPACE SO WE'RE ONLY GOING TO
24 SERVE SO MUCH TIME. AND THAT'S WHAT IS NOT EVALUATED IN THE
25 VANIR REPORT AT ALL, AS I UNDERSTAND, CORRECT?



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2 **JOHN KUPRENAS:** VERY LIMITED. VERY LIMITED.

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4 **ROB NASH:** WE DO INCLUDE, AS I BELIEVE YOU'RE AWARE --

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU COULD HOUSE MORE IF YOU DID THIS. THAT'S WHAT
7 YOU HAVE.

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9 **ROB NASH:** YES. AND WHAT THOSE THRESHOLDS ARE IN TERMS OF A
10 THOUSAND BEDS.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT I'M SAYING IS I WOULD LIKE TO GET MORE -- IF
13 WE'RE GOING TO MAKE THIS KIND OF INVESTMENT, I NEED TO KNOW
14 HOW MUCH MORE INVESTMENT I NEED TO GET AT HIGHER LEVELS. 50
15 PERCENT? 60 PERCENT? 75 PERCENT OF THEIR SENTENCE. AND WE NEED
16 TO KNOW HOW WITHIN THE PROGRAMMATIC ASPECTS OF IT AS TO HOW
17 THOSE DETERMINATIONS ARE GOING TO BE MADE. I MEAN, I TAKE IT
18 IT'S BASED ON RISK, BUT THAT WOULD BE MY POOR ASSUMPTION, I
19 DON'T KNOW. SO I THINK WE NEED TO KNOW THOSE PROGRAMMATIC
20 ASPECTS, BUT I AM REALLY CONCERNED THAT IN THE FRAMEWORK OF
21 BUILDING A NEW JAIL OR BUILDING -- WE'RE NOT ADDING BEDS, YES.
22 IT'S COSTING A LOT OF MONEY TO DO THE REPLACEMENT. AND YET
23 WE'RE NOT STRIVING TO CHANGE THE PROGRAM. AND I THINK THAT IF
24 THERE'S ANY KIND OF EFFORT TO BE MADE TO CHANGE THE PROGRAM
25 IT'S TO EXPAND THE TIME SERVED BY FELONS. AND I KNOW THAT FOR



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1 MYSELF THAT IS A BIG ISSUE. SO I WANT TO KNOW RIGHT NOW IF ON
2 AVERAGE A FELON IS SERVING ONLY 40 PERCENT OF HIS TIME, I WANT
3 TO KNOW THE COST FOR 50, 60, 70 AND 75. HOW LONG DO YOU THINK
4 IT WILL TAKE TO GET THAT?

5

6 **JOHN KUPRENAS:** I WOULD IMAGINE WE COULD CONDUCT THAT ANALYSIS
7 IN FOUR TO SIX WEEKS.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY, GOOD. I WOULD LIKE THOSE NUMBERS, OVERALL
10 FOR BOTH THE MEN AND THE WOMEN. ALL RIGHT? AND THEN THE ISSUE
11 BECOMES ABOUT IN THE MENTAL HEALTH AREA BECAUSE THAT'S A NEW
12 THAT WE'RE PUTTING IN. SO YOU'VE GOT AN ASSESSMENT AND
13 EVALUATION AND SO ON SO NOW YOU NEED KIND OF LONG TERM
14 COUNSELING AND ALL OF THESE KINDS OF THINGS AS TO WHETHER
15 THOSE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE SERVING A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME
16 BECAUSE BASED ON THEIR NEEDS. I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH
17 THAT BECAUSE THAT'S SORT OF A QUIRKY THING. I MEAN IF SOMEBODY
18 IS ONLY IN THERE FOR FOUR MONTHS, YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE A MAJOR
19 INVESTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, HOW ARE YOU GOING TO DO THAT?
20 THAT'S AN ISSUE THAT IS NOT EXPLAINED AT ALL IN HERE. AND IT'S
21 HARD TO UNDERSTAND IT. ANYBODY KNOWS THAT ON AVERAGE, EVEN
22 WITH JUST MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING, THAT IF YOU CAN DO IT IN
23 FOUR MONTHS, HALLELUJAH. BUT I DON'T THINK THAT'S GOING TO GO
24 A LONG WAY. IT WILL PROVIDE SOME BANDAGE, SOME HELP BUT NOT
25 ENOUGH. AND SO IF WE ARE TALKING ABOUT CREATING A MENTAL



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1 HEALTH FACILITY BECAUSE WE HOPEFULLY WANT TO HELP THOSE PEOPLE
2 THAT NEED THIS KIND OF ASSISTANCE SO THAT WHEN THEY GO BACK IN
3 THEIR COMMUNITY, THEY AREN'T PART -- THEY DON'T CONTINUE TO BE
4 THE PROBLEM. I NEED TO UNDERSTAND HOW THAT'S GOING TO WORK,
5 BECAUSE IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT WHILE WE ARE HELPING THEM
6 THAT -- I DON'T KNOW HOW FAIR THAT IS THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN
7 BECAUSE YOU HAVE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES YOU'RE GOING TO STAY
8 LONGER THAN SOMEBODY WHO IS JUST AN OUT-AND-OUT BAD GUY. SO
9 THERE'S AN ISSUE THERE. SO I NEED THAT. NOW ON THIS ISSUE, AS
10 WELL, AND THAT'S WHERE WE RAISED THE ISSUE YESTERDAY ON THE
11 ISSUE OF RUTHERFORD. ONE WOULD ASSUME, AGAIN, POORLY ON MY
12 PART, THAT WHEN YOU REBUILD MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, WHICH IS WHAT
13 WE WERE SUED ON BY THE A.C.L.U. AND WE'RE GOING TO PUT IN THIS
14 WHOLE LITANY OF BRAND NEW SERVICES THAT ARE GOING TO HOPEFULLY
15 BE MORE EFFECTIVE AS TO HOW WE ACCOMMODATE AND TREAT A FELON
16 IN OUR JAILS, THAT RUTHERFORD WOULD GO AWAY. AND BECAUSE WE
17 HAVE A NEW FACILITY. WE ARE NO LONGER -- WE'RE ACCOMMODATING
18 MORE AND MORE SERVICES. AND I AM BEING TOLD NO, IT DOESN'T GO
19 AWAY. AND MORE INTERESTINGLY NOT ONLY DOES IT NOT GO AWAY, BUT
20 THERE IS AN INTEREST BY OUR LAWYERS AND THE SHERIFF FOR IT NOT
21 TO GO AWAY.

22

23 **TERRI MCDONALD:** MA'AM, THERE'S NO INTEREST ON MY PART NOT TO
24 SEEK ENDING LITIGATION.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK THAT THAT'S BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW ALL
2 ABOUT RUTHERFORD LIKE I DIDN'T. YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE. AND
3 THAT IS THAT RUTHERFORD IS THE ONE THAT GIVES THE SHERIFF THE
4 OPPORTUNITY TO CUT THOSE SENTENCES. WITHOUT IT, I AM TOLD, I
5 DON'T KNOW BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT HE'S TELLING ME NOW, BUT HE'S
6 GOING TO LOOK IT UP A LITTLE LATER. I AM TOLD THAT OTHERWISE
7 EVERYONE WOULD HAVE TO SERVE THEIR FULL TERM, THEIR FULL
8 SENTENCING. AND IF THEY DID THAT, WE WOULD NEED 30,000 BEDS ON
9 AVERAGE, 25 TO 30,000 UNDER THE REPORT THAT WAS HERE. SO RIGHT
10 NOW, WE DO IT AND WE HAVE RUTHERFORD, WHICH IS A PAIN IN THE
11 BEHIND ALREADY, BUT NOW WE WANT TO KEEP IT BECAUSE IT'S OUR
12 SAFETY VALVE. THAT WAY THE SHERIFF HAS THE DETERMINATION TO
13 LET OUT PEOPLE EARLY. NOW, MY CONCERN ABOUT THAT IS I HAVE A
14 REAL PROBLEM WITH THE SHERIFF HAVING THAT POWER AND I'D LIKE
15 TO TAKE THAT AWAY FROM HIM. I'M SAYING WE NEED IT. WE NEED THE
16 AUTHORITY TO HOPEFULLY BRING DOWN, BESIDES GOOD TIME SERVED
17 AND ALL THOSE KINDS OF THINGS, WE NEED AN OPPORTUNITY SO THAT
18 WE CAN DEAL WITH THIS JAIL POPULATION. SO I WANT US TO LOOK AT
19 HOW WE'RE GOING TO ACCOMMODATE THOSE ISSUES AND AT A DIFFERENT
20 LEVEL. WE NEED TO LOOK AT CAN WE GET OUT OF RUTHERFORD AND
21 STILL HAVE THAT OPTION THROUGH OTHER MECHANISMS? I KNOW
22 THERE'S ALWAYS STATE LEGISLATION AVAILABLE AND OTHER KIND OF
23 THINGS, BUT THAT'S AN OPTION WE SHOULD LOOK AT OF WHETHER
24 THAT'S WORTHWHILE. I'M SURE THAT EVERY STATE LEGISLATOR THAT
25 REPRESENTS L.A. COUNTY DOES NOT KNOW -- DOES NOT KNOW THAT WE



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1 ARE ONLY HAVING OUR COUNTY FELONS ARE ONLY SPENDING 40 PERCENT
2 OF THEIR TIME AND SOME A LOT LESS OF SERVICE. AND I THINK IT'S
3 A DISSERVICE TO THE JURORS AND ALL THE GOOD PEOPLE THAT ARE
4 OUT THERE DOING THEIR CIVIC BEST TO MAKE SURE THAT THESE
5 PEOPLE GET INCARCERATED BECAUSE THEY LIKE TO KEEP THEM OUT OF
6 THE COMMUNITY. BUT THE ISSUE FOR US IS HOW DO WE TURN THIS
7 AROUND? SO I'D LIKE TO GET RID OF RUTHERFORD OR LOOK AT AN
8 OPTION IN RUTHERFORD TO TAKE THE JURISDICTION OR THE
9 RESPONSIBILITY AWAY FROM THE SHERIFF, NOT THAT IT SHOULDN'T BE
10 THERE, BUT I DON'T LIKE THE ABILITY OF THE SHERIFF TO JUST
11 DECIDE, JUST DECIDE THAT HE IS GOING TO CUT THE SENTENCES OF
12 THESE PEOPLE BY ANOTHER 10 PERCENT. AND THAT'S WHAT HE'S DOING
13 TODAY. AND I'M TROUBLED BY THAT. SO I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S AN
14 OPTION OF EITHER STATE LEGISLATION, HIRING A JAIL FACILITIES
15 EXPERT THAT GIVES YOU A BETTER TOLERANCE LEVEL OR NUMBER THAT
16 WOULD MAKE THOSE DECISIONS, LIKE MAYBE SOMEBODY WHO IS RUNNING
17 OUR JAILS WOULD MAKE THAT DECISION, COME TO THE BOARD AND SAY:
18 RIGHT NOW, I'VE GOT TO CUT EVERYBODY ANOTHER 10 PERCENT. AND
19 I'M DOING IT FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON BASED ON SOME LOGICAL
20 STATISTICAL ANALYSIS. I'M GETTING MORE PRISONERS, I GOT
21 109ERS, WHATEVER THE ISSUE IS. BUT RIGHT NOW IT IS A BLIND
22 SITUATION FOR US. THE SHERIFF DOES IT WILLY-NILLY, WITHOUT
23 TELLING US. AND I'M NOT WILLING TO ACCEPT IT. SO I NEED TO
24 CHALLENGE SOME LEVEL OF RUTHERFORD OR ASK FOR SOME ABILITY IF
25 WE'RE GOING TO TAKE THIS -- MAKE THIS EFFORT OF CHANGING AND



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1 REINVENTING, HOPEFULLY ELIMINATING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND
2 REINVENTING THE MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY THAT WE NEED BECAUSE WE
3 WANT THE OPTION. BECAUSE MY GOAL IF I'M GOING TO SUPPORT THE
4 1.4 TO 1.7 BILLION THAT IT'S GOING TO COST US HERE PROBABLY
5 ONCE SERVICES ARE IN THERE AND MAYBE EVEN MUCH MORE THAN THAT,
6 I WANT TO KNOW THE TRADEOFF IS GOING TO BE THAT PEOPLE ARE
7 GOING TO SERVE MORE OF THEIR SENTENCE. 40 PERCENT OF A TIME
8 SERVED IS NOT APPROPRIATE UNLESS IT'S FOR GOOD BEHAVIOR OR
9 SOMETHING LIKE THAT AND YOU'D HAVE TO DO AN AWFUL LOT OF GOOD
10 BEHAVING IN ORDER TO GET OUT AT 40 PERCENT. RIGHT NOW IT'S AN
11 ARBITRARY NUMBER AND IT ALL HAS TO DO WITH WE DON'T HAVE
12 ENOUGH ROOM FOR YOU, SO YOU'RE ON YOUR WAY. WITHIN THAT
13 FRAMEWORK, I ALSO WANT US TO LOOK AT THE OPTIONS OF THE
14 109ERS. ON THE 109, IF IN FACT THEY HAVE TO SERVE THEIR FULL-
15 TIME, WHICH STATE LAW SAYS, ONCE THEY GO IN, RIGHT? THAT I
16 WANT THEM TO BE PLACED ON OTHER OPTIONS, AS WELL. THERE IS A
17 TAFT OPTION THAT WASN'T PUT ON HERE THAT WAS A POSSIBILITY
18 THAT COSTS US LESS TO SEND OUR PEOPLE AWAY FOR A YEAR THAT IS
19 AVAILABLE. AND SO I NEED THAT ANALYSIS IN THERE TO KNOW THAT
20 IF I CAN TAKE THE 109ERS AND THEY'RE SERVING A YEAR, TWO
21 YEARS, WHATEVER THEY'RE GOING TO SERVE OUT THERE, THEY DON'T
22 NEED TO BE IN DOWNTOWN. THEY'RE NOT GOING IN AND OUT OF OUR
23 COURT SYSTEM OR ANYTHING ELSE. THEY'RE GOING AWAY FOR A WHILE.
24 AND I KNOW THERE ARE ISSUES ABOUT THEIR FAMILIES WANTING TO
25 VISIT AND ALL THAT. YOU CAN THROW THAT IN THE YOU'D LIKE. BUT



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1 I DO THINK WE NEED TO KNOW BECAUSE THAT'S GOING TO ESCALATE OR
2 INCREASE MY OPTION OF MAYBE GETTING PEOPLE TO SERVE 50, 60, 70
3 PERCENT OF THEIR TIME. SO THAT ANALYSIS HAS TO COME BACK, AS
4 WELL. AND I DON'T KNOW, UNTIL I GET SOME DATA, AND I'M GOING
5 TO ASK, I'VE ALREADY ASKED ROGER RAMBO AND JOHN KRATTLI TO
6 START LOOKING AT WHAT ARE THE OTHER COUNTIES DOING AND WHAT
7 ARE THE OPTIONS AVAILABLE? BECAUSE I THINK THE BIGGEST ISSUE
8 WITH AS WE'RE LOOKING AT THIS JAIL ISSUE, IT ISN'T JUST
9 TEARING DOWN AN OLD JAIL, PUTTING IN A NEW ONE WITHOUT REALLY
10 LOOKING AT FIXING SOME THINGS. BESIDES THE MENTAL HEALTH FIX,
11 WHICH IS AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT, WITHOUT, YOU KNOW, LOOKING AT
12 THE FACT THAT 109 PEOPLE ARE NOW PUSHING OUT THE OTHER COUNTY
13 FELONS, THAT'S A PROBLEM. THAT IS NOT EVEN DISCUSSED IN THIS
14 NEW PROGRAM. WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE PREVENT THAT FROM
15 HAPPENING. SO THERE ARE A LOT OF ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE
16 RESOLVED AS FAR AS PROGRAMMING AND COSTS ASSOCIATED HERE. BUT
17 THE TWO GOALS FOR ME ARE THAT I WANT TO GET -- I WANT TO
18 INCREASE TIME SERVED. AND I NEED TO KNOW WHAT IT'S GOING TO
19 COST ME TO GET IT AND HOW TO GET IT AND THE DIFFERENT OPTIONS
20 FOR THAT. AND IF IN FACT I'M TAKING ALL OF THE MENTALLY ILL
21 FELONS IN MY DISTRICT, WHICH IS WHAT'S GOING ON NOW, DOESN'T
22 MAKE ANY CONSTITUENTS ANY HAPPIER, BY THE WAY, THEN I WANT
23 THAT TRADEOFF TO BE WORTHWHILE IN SAYING THAT THESE PEOPLE ARE
24 NOW GOING TO BE SERVING A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME. BECAUSE ALSO
25 IF YOU NOTICE WHERE THESE PEOPLE ARE COMING BACK INTO,



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1 UNFORTUNATELY, I AM ONE OF THE DISTRICTS, THE FIRST DISTRICT,
2 PROBABLY THE SECOND DISTRICT, AS WELL, WHERE A MAJORITY OF
3 THESE FELONS ARE GOING BACK HOME TO. AND WE WORK HARD. WE
4 SPEND A LOT OF MONEY. WE'RE CHASING AROUND THE SHERIFF TO MAKE
5 SURE THAT HE IS PATROLLING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND ARRESTING
6 THOSE KINDS OF GUYS AND GALS THAT ARE CREATING CRIMINAL
7 PROBLEMS IN MY DISTRICT. MY JOB IS PUBLIC SAFETY. YOUR JOB IS
8 PUBLIC SAFETY. AND WE NEED TO GET ON THE SAME PAGE ON IT. AND
9 IF IT MEANS RESOURCES AND THINGS THAT WE DO. BUT WHAT I HAVE
10 WITH THE SHERIFF IS KIND OF AN ARBITRARY DECISION ON
11 RESOURCES. THE SHERIFF DECIDED IN JUNE TO CLOSE DOWN ONE OF
12 OUR JAIL FACILITIES, WHICH ONE?

13

14 **TERRI MCDONALD:** IT'S NOT CLOSED BUT IT'S CURTAILED, EAST. IT'S
15 NOT FULLY CLOSED. THERE'S INMATES THERE STILL.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** HOW MANY BEDS DID HE CLOSE?

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19 **TERRI MCDONALD:** I THINK WE DEACTIVATED ROUGHLY 900 BEDS.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT. 900 BEDS.

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23 **TERRI MCDONALD:** BUT LET ME CLARIFY SUPERVISOR. WHAT WE HAD IN
24 THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL WAS EMPTY SWING SPACE. SO WE HAD HOUSING
25 UNITS AND OTHER JAIL UNITS THAT WEREN'T FULLY UTILIZED.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND THAT.

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4 **TERRI MCDONALD:** SO WHAT WE DID WAS TO SAVE MONEY, BECAUSE WE
5 HAVE A STRUCTURAL DEFICIT, WAS PLACED INMATES FROM DORMS IN
6 EAST INTO VACANT BED CAPACITY OTHER JAILS. IT'S A WAY IN WHICH
7 TO REDUCE COST SAVINGS.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU DID. BUT YOU KNOW IT'S LIKE
10 SOMEBODY WHO MORTGAGES THEMSELVES TO THE HILT TO BUILD A
11 CLOSET THAT THEY DON'T HAVE ANY CLOTHES FOR. IT JUST DOESN'T
12 MAKE SENSE. I NEED TO KNOW IN THAT RECONFIGURATION HOW TO PUT
13 THAT JAIL BACK INTO ACTION. AND THE SHERIFF DIDN'T ASK ME, CAN
14 I CLOSE 900 BEDS? HE DIDN'T ASK ME. HE TOLD ME. AND FOR
15 SOMEBODY WHO IS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THE JAIL'S -- WHAT
16 THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET IS ON A REGULAR BASIS AND THEN I GIVE HIM
17 WHAT HE WANTS AND THEN HE TURNS AROUND AND, LISTEN TO THIS,
18 ALL RIGHT, YOU FOLKS OUT THERE THAT BUGGED ME THE LAST TIME
19 ABOUT HOW HE'S SPENDING HIS MONEY AND THEN HE TURNS AROUND AND
20 OVERSPENDS IN OTHER AREAS AND DECIDES TO CUT PATROL OR
21 ELIMINATE A JAIL, HE IS NOT SUPPOSED TO BE DOING THAT. AND
22 SOMEHOW HE IS DOING THAT. I DON'T THINK THAT'S ADEQUATE
23 BECAUSE THAT MEANS MORE FELONS ARE COMING OUT INTO MY
24 NEIGHBORHOOD AND MY COMMUNITY. AND THAT HAS TO STOP.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

2

3 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT, WAIT. SO I NEED TO KNOW WHAT IS MY SOLUTION
4 TO FORCE THE SHERIFF TO KEEP THE PRISON -- IF I'M GOING TO
5 BUILD THEM AND I'M GOING TO PAY FOR THEM, HOW I'M GOING TO
6 FORCE HIM TO KEEP THOSE, HOW AM I GOING TO FORCE HIM TO KEEP
7 THOSE JAIL BEDS OPEN? DO YOU HAVE AN ANSWER FOR ME?

8

9 **TERRI MCDONALD:** I'LL BRING A VARIETY OF OPTIONS, COSTS
10 ASSOCIATED WITH OPTIONS FOR VARIOUS WAYS IN WHICH TO KEEP --

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** NOT COSTS ASSOCIATED. BECAUSE SOMEWHERE HE'S
13 OVERSPENDING. AND THEN TAKES IT OUT AND SAYS OKAY, I'M GOING
14 TO REDUCE 900 BEDS.

15

16 **TERRI MCDONALD:** WE'LL WORK WITH THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE TO COME
17 BACK AND MEET WITH YOU.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** BILL, DO YOU KNOW ANY WAY THAT WE COULD DO IT? I
20 AM TOLD THAT I'M IN CHARGE OF HIS BUDGET.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AS A POINT OF INTERVENTION,
23 SUPERVISOR, I'M GOING TO NEED TO RELINQUISH THE CHAIR AND TURN
24 IT OVER TO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH TO CARRY THE BALANCE OF THE



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1 MEETING. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION TO THAT, THAT WILL BE THE
2 ORDER. SUPERVISOR, PLEASE PROCEED.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. IS THERE A POSSIBILITY?

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6 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WELL, WE DEVELOPED --

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND HE DIDN'T TELL YOU, EITHER.

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10 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WHICH HE DIDN'T. WE DEVELOPED A PROCESS FOR
11 PATROL SERVICES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. I WOULD LIKE TO
12 HAVE TIME TO LOOK AT AN OPTION LIKE THAT, TO SET UP A SEPARATE
13 BUDGET AS WE DID AND THEN COME BACK TO YOU.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. SO JUST TO SUMMARIZE WHAT I NEED. I NEED
16 THE PRESENT PROGRAM THAT WE HAVE NOW FOR THE NUMBER OF FELONS
17 THAT WE HAVE TODAY. AND I WANT TO UNDERSTAND WHETHER IT'S
18 MENTAL HEALTH, WHETHER IT'S WOMEN, WHETHER IT'S 109, WHETHER
19 IT'S THE VARIOUS RISK CATEGORIES THAT YOU HAVE, I'D LIKE TO
20 KNOW THAT AND WHERE THEY'RE AT. WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE
21 TOLERANCE LEVEL FOR WHAT THAT RECONFIGURATION WOULD BE FOR THE
22 137? 137, BUT PER FACILITY, NOT OVERALL.

23

24 **JOHN KUPRENAS:** YES, MA'AM.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE NEED TO HAVE A REPORT FROM OUR COUNTY COUNSEL
2 WITH REGARD TO THE RUTHERFORD DECISION AND OUR ABILITY TO
3 MODIFY IT, ADJUST IT ACCORDINGLY TO SEE IF WE COULD CHANGE AND
4 EMPOWER OTHER THAN THE SHERIFF FOR SENTENCING PURPOSES,
5 BECAUSE I JUST THINK THAT HE DOES IT VERY ARBITRARILY WITHOUT
6 INFORMING ANYONE. AND THEN ALSO YOU'RE GOING TO CHECK TO SEE
7 IF OTHER COUNTIES AND WHAT THEY'RE DOING IF THEY DON'T HAVE
8 INJUNCTIONS AS TO HOW THEY'RE MEETING AND FULFILLING THEIR
9 SERVICES -- I MEAN THEIR SENTENCED INMATES, FULL SENTENCING.
10 AND THEN FINALLY WE'RE GOING TO LOOK AT A REPORT FROM THE
11 C.E.O.'S OFFICE OR FROM MS. MCDONALD AS TO HOW WE'RE GOING TO
12 LOOK AT, MAKE SURE THAT ONCE WE BUILD A JAIL AND SO MANY BEDS
13 FOR IT, AND ONCE WE PAY FOR THE BEDS, THAT THE SHERIFF IS NOT
14 GOING TO HAVE ANY ABILITY TO ARBITRARILY MAKE A DECISION TO
15 TAKE OUT THAT MONEY AND PUT IT SOMEWHERE ELSE. AND SO WHEN
16 WILL WE GET THESE THINGS? I KNOW I GOT ONE ANSWER IN FOUR TO
17 SIX WEEKS ON THE RECONFIGURATION OF THOSE NUMBERS.

18

19 **ROGER GRANBO:** SUPERVISOR, ON THE COUNTY COUNSEL, I WOULD ASK
20 FOR 30 DAYS.

21

22 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I'LL ASK FOR THE SAME. I THINK WE CAN DO IT.
23 THE IDEA WOULD BE TO BE ABLE TO DEVELOP SEPARATE BUDGET UNITS
24 FOR EACH FACILITY.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. THEN, MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD ASK THAT
2 WITHIN 30 DAYS THEY WOULD COME BACK WITH THESE REPORTS. I
3 DON'T MIND. WE DON'T HAVE TO HAVE TO SET A HEARING FOR IT. I'M
4 SORRY? YEAH. THAT WE WOULD GET THESE WRITTEN REPORTS AND HAVE
5 A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF HOW THAT CONFIGURATION WOULD WORK
6 HERE.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. AS INDICATED, WITHOUT
9 OBJECTION, ALL THE REQUESTS FOR THE REPORTS. SUPERVISOR
10 YAROSLAVSKY, ANY REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION OR ADDITIONAL
11 REPORTS? SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D ALSO LIKE TO MOVE THAT THE BOARD -- THIS
14 WOULD BE FOR THREE WEEKS.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES, SIR.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT WE WOULD ACCEPT THEIR INDEPENDENT REVIEW
19 COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ISSUED ON JULY 5 AND DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE
20 OFFICER AND BOARD TO WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
21 TO AMEND THE CURRENT STATEMENT. AND I WOULD SAY THIS SHOULD BE
22 IN FOUR WEEKS BECAUSE GLORIA'S INFORMATION IS COMING BACK IN
23 30 DAYS.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WHY DON'T WE JUST TIE IT
2 TOGETHER?

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALL TIED TOGETHER TO WORK WITH THE BOARD,
5 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AMEND THE CURRENT STATEMENT OF
6 WORK FOR VANIR CONSTRUCTION COMPANY TO CONTINUE UTILIZING AS
7 NEEDED ON-CALL SERVICE AGREEMENT IN ORDER FOR VANIR
8 CONSTRUCTION TO FURTHER DEVELOP THE PROGRAM FOR A PROPOSED
9 C.C.T.F. INCLUDING STAFFING AND OPERATIONAL COSTS WORKING WITH
10 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO IDENTIFY REVENUE WHICH MAY HAVE OFFSET
11 OPERATIONAL COSTS AND THAT THEY PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL
12 ANALYSIS OR DATA THAT SUFFICIENTLY PREPARES THE COUNTY TO
13 INITIATE DESIGN ACTIVITIES IF IT CHOOSES TO DO SO, INCLUDING
14 ANY GRANTS TO THE C.E.O., SHERIFF OR THE OTHER IMPACTED COUNTY
15 DEPARTMENTS THAT MAY BE USED TO OFFSET THE CAPITAL COSTS OF
16 ANY OF THE FIVE JAIL PLAN OPTIONS, THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE
17 C.E.O. TO IDENTIFY NECESSARY FUNDS FOR VANIR CONSTRUCTION TO
18 ACCOMPLISH THE ABOVE WITH A FORMAL INQUIRY TO THE STATE ON THE
19 CONDITIONS UPON WHICH THE A.B.90 GRANT FUNDS COULD BE USED
20 OTHER THAN FOR EXISTING QUALIFYING PROJECTS. SO THAT WOULD BE
21 ON THE TABLE FOR THAT TIME FRAME.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. IT IS BEFORE US. ARE
24 THERE ANY OBJECTIONS? COME BACK TO US AS A REPORT BACK IN THE
25 CONTEXT OF THE LARGER REQUEST TO HAVE REPORT BACKS WITHIN THE



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1 NEXT 30 DAYS. ANY FURTHER ITEMS TO BE ENTERTAINED ON THIS
2 ISSUE AT THIS POINT IN TIME ON S-1? WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
3 PRESENTATIONS. OBVIOUSLY THERE IS A LOT MORE WORK TO BE DONE,
4 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR INPUT, LADIES AND
5 GENTLEMEN OF THE PUBLIC, YOUR INPUT HAS BEEN HELPFUL, AS WELL.
6 WITH THAT, WE WILL DISPENSE WITH THIS ITEM. THAT WILL BE THE
7 ORDER ON THE MOTION SUBMITTED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND
8 ANTONOVICH, RESPECTIVELY, AND WE'LL MOVE TO THE NEXT ITEM OF
9 BUSINESS, WHICH IS TO HAVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE ITEMS SO
10 INDICATED. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WILL NOW CARRY THE MEETING.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ALSO MAKE A MOTION THAT WE ADJOURN IN
13 MEMORY OF MISS LEO E. PONG. SHE WAS A 15-YEAR-OLD WHO WAS THE
14 THIRD YOUNG GIRL WHO WAS KILLED IN THAT RECENT AIRCRAFT
15 TRAGEDY AT SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. SHE WAS ON HER
16 WAY TO ATTEND A CAMP IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WITH HER TWO 16-
17 YEAR-OLD FRIENDS WHO ALSO PERISHED ON THAT DAY. SECONDED BY
18 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION. ALSO, I DON'T KNOW
19 IF YOU SAW, THIS WAS, TO ME, KIND OF APPALLING. A FEW YEARS
20 AGO WHEN WE CAME BACK FROM THE VATICAN, WE WERE OFFERED THE
21 OPPORTUNITY OF HAVING THE ANTIQUITIES OF THE VATICAN ON
22 DISPLAY. AND THE MUSEUM SAID BECAUSE OF THE RENOVATIONS AND
23 THAT THEY COULDN'T DO IT. BUT THIS IS WHAT'S OPENING THIS
24 WEEK. HOW COW POOP CHANGED L.A. WE HAVE A FIRST CLASS MUSEUM,
25 FIRST CLASS. WE'VE HAD INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS. AND THE



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1 PRIORITIES THAT WE COULD CHOOSE FROM, FROM ALL OF THE PARTS OF
2 THE WORLD, I THINK THEY SCRAPED THE BOTTOM OF THE BARREL ON
3 THAT ONE, I REALLY DO. OKAY. ON CS-1 WE HAVE PATRICK O'ROURKE.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, BEFORE YOU MOVE ON, I DIDN'T
6 WANT THAT COMMENT TO GO UNANSWERED.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'VE SEEN -- YOU HAVE SENT US THE
11 CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN YOU AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE MUSEUM.
12 THIS IS PART OF A MAJOR EXHIBIT IN THE MUSEUM ABOUT THE
13 HISTORY OF LOS ANGELES. AND I THINK THAT YOU'RE PICKING ON A
14 PUBLIC RELATIONS ASPECT OF IT WHICH ONE CAN DEBATE WHETHER
15 THAT WAS GOOD PUBLIC RELATIONS. BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT THE
16 EXHIBIT IS ABOUT. THE EXHIBIT IS ABOUT THE HISTORY OF LOS
17 ANGELES. AND I THINK WHAT YOU'RE REFERRING TO IS THE
18 AGRICULTURAL PIECE OF THAT. AND MAYBE THEY GOT TOO CUTE. BUT
19 THIS IS A VERY SERIOUS EXHIBIT. AND ONE WHICH I THINK ALL
20 ANGELINOS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO GO VISIT BECAUSE IT'S ABOUT
21 WHO WE ARE AND WHERE WE LIVE. AND I THINK THE PRESIDENT, THE
22 DIRECTOR OF THE MUSEUM HAS INDICATED TO YOU, MIKE, THAT AS IT
23 RELATES TO OTHER EXHIBITS, NOW THAT THE MUSEUM PROJECT IS
24 COMPLETE, THAT SHE IS OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT. I TAKE THAT. BUT WHAT THEY SAY IS
2 BECOMING L.A., STORIES OF NATURE AND CULTURE, FROM THE 1820S
3 TO THE 1870S, THOUSANDS OF CATTLE GRAZED ACROSS THE LOS
4 ANGELES BASIN BY EATING AND POOPING JUST BEING REGULAR COWS,
5 THEY INADVERTENTLY CHANGED THE RANCHERO LIFESTYLE OF THE
6 NATURAL LANDSCAPE FOREVER. FIND OUT MORE AT THE EXHIBITION
7 BECOMING L.A.. THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING. IT TAKES THREE, FOUR,
8 EVEN FIVE YEARS TO DO AN EXHIBITION. HAD THEY STARTED AT THAT
9 TIME FOUR TO FIVE YEARS AGO, THEY COULD HAVE HAD SOMETHING
10 LIKE THAT FOR THEIR OPENING. IT'S JUST A MATTER OF PRIORITIES.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M NOT ARGUING THAT PIECE. BUT I THINK THIS
13 EXHIBIT IS A VERY SERIOUS EXHIBIT AND SHOULDN'T BE -- I
14 HESITATE TO SAY THIS -- SHOULDN'T BE POO POO'D. [LAUGHTER.]

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND YOUR MOTTO IS KEEP L.A. GREEN.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL REST MY CASE ON THAT.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND YOU WANT TO KEEP L.A. GREEN. MR.
21 O'ROURKE?

22

23 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** I'VE PREPARED SOME DOCUMENTS FOR THE BOARD
24 MEMBERS.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TWO MINUTES, MR. O'ROURKE.

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3 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** AND THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE. I'LL READ
4 FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND HAND OUT THE REPORTS TO
5 THE DIFFERENT MEMBERS IF SOMEONE COULD TAKE THEM. THIS IS A
6 RECOMMENDATION UNDER THE FIRST AMENDMENT THAT ANY NEW AGENCIES
7 OR ANY AGENCIES DOING BUSINESS WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
8 HAVE A GRIEVANCE, HAVE A FORMAL GRIEVANCE COMPLAINT PROCEDURE.
9 MANY AGENCIES WITHIN THE COUNTY HAVE FAILED TO DO SO,
10 BASICALLY CREATING INSTANCES LEGISLATION. BOARD MEMBERS, I'VE
11 HEARD MANY COMPLAINTS ABOUT D.C.F.S. AND THERE IS STILL NOT A
12 FORMAL COMPLAINT PROCEDURE PROVIDED TO EVERYBODY THAT IS
13 CLEARLY STATED, PRESENTED IN ALL COUNTY OFFICES AND ON THE
14 COUNTY WEBSITE. FORMS FOR FILLING OUT COMPLAINTS. EACH COUNTY
15 SHOULD HAVE THESE UNDER BEST PRACTICES. FORMS FOR FILLING OUT
16 FORMAL COMPLAINTS, THE RECEIPT OF THE COMPLAINT CONTAINING A
17 UNIQUE PHONE NUMBER IN WHICH THE CITIZEN IS ABLE TO REFERENCE
18 WITH REGARD TO FOLLOW UPS AND RESOLUTIONS OF SAID COMPLAINTS.
19 AND CLEARLY THE BILL OF RIGHTS MANY AGENCIES HAVE THIS. MANY
20 MORE DON'T, INCLUDING PRIVATE AGENCIES. A NUMBER TO CALL,
21 FORMS ARE NOT AVAILABLE. THE BILL OF RIGHTS AND PHONE NUMBER
22 MUST BE PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED AS IN THE D.M.H. OFFICES. ALL
23 AGENCIES MUST RETAIN THE COMPLAINTS FOR A MINIMUM OF TWO
24 YEARS. AND THEY MUST BE PRIVATE, ONLY ACCESSIBLE BY THE
25 MANAGER OF THE OFFICE FOR CONFIDENTIALITY OF ALL PARTIES



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1 CONCERNED. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE REQUIREMENTS
2 JEOPARDIZES THE CITY AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WITH CLASS
3 ACTION LAWSUITS, EXPOSES THE COUNTY TO ENDLESS LITIGATION BY
4 FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS. PROJECTED
5 FISCAL IMPACT, MINIMAL COST OUTLAYS AS MANY AGENCIES ALREADY
6 HAVE THE FORMS AND THE PROCEDURES CAN BE COPIED. THE SAVINGS
7 INCLUDES THOUSANDS OF MAN HOURS.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, SIR. OSCAR JOHNSON? HE PASSED THAT
10 OUT, AS WELL. OSCAR JOHNSON. MELLO DESIRE. CHRISTOPHER MARTIN.
11 AND LORI MARTIN. ONE MINUTE NOW. ONE MINUTE, PLEASE. MR.
12 JOHNSON? OSCAR YOUR MICROPHONE IS NOT ON. COULD WE HAVE THE
13 MICROPHONE ON FOR MR. JOHNSON?

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15 **OSCAR JOHNSON:** YES. ONE MINUTE?

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONE MINUTE, SIR, BECAUSE WE HAVE SO MANY.

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19 **OSCAR JOHNSON:** THIS IS NOT PUBLIC COMMENT?

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S PUBLIC COMMENT. BUT YOU'RE GOOD BECAUSE
22 I CAN RECITE YOUR FIRST PARAGRAPH FROM --

23

24 **OSCAR JOHNSON:** COULD START IT BACK OVER THEN?

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU CAN START ALL OVER AGAIN.

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3 **OSCAR JOHNSON:** OH, MAN. YEAH, I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ABOUT RELIGION
4 AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY. AND ALSO SINCE PRESIDENT BARACK
5 OBAMA HAS BEEN IN OFFICE, I TOOK MYSELF TO THE LIBRARY AND DID
6 A LITTLE RESEARCH ABOUT THE BLACK -- PRESIDENT. AND I LOOK ON
7 THE UNITED STATES CURRENCY MONEY ON THE DOLLAR BILLS, I SEE
8 THAT ALL PEOPLE ON DOLLAR BILLS ARE BLACK MEN'S, EVEN BENJAMIN
9 FRANKLIN. HE'S THE ONLY PERSON PRESIDENT ON THE DOLLAR BILL
10 NOT A PRESIDENT. I DON'T SEE NO EUROPEAN PEOPLE ON THE UNITED
11 STATES OF AMERICA DOLLAR BILLS. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ABOUT
12 RELIGION. WE SHOULD TRY TO COME TOGETHER IN AMERICA FOR THE
13 TRUE RELIGION THAT AMERICA WAS BUILT UPON TOGETHER WE STAND.
14 WE SHOULD CLEAN UP DRUGS IN AMERICA, STOP DRUGS FROM COMING
15 INTO AMERICA. STOP HANDGUNS FROM COMING INTO AMERICA. WE
16 SHOULD FIX UP THE WAY TO HAVE SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT ABOUT
17 MURDER. IN THOSE COUNTRIES, THEY CUT YOUR HEAD OFF IN SEVEN
18 DAYS.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU,
21 MR. JOHNSON.

22

23 **LORI MARTIN:** GOOD MORNING MY NAME IS LORI MARTIN. I JUST WANT
24 TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ABOUT LOS ANGELES BEING A TRENDSETTER. I
25 LIVED IN THE U.K. FOR SOME TIME AND I WAS TREATED LIKE A



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1 CELEBRITY BECAUSE I COME FROM LOS ANGELES. I AM HERE TO PLEAD
2 WITH THE BOARD TO PLEASE CLEAN UP D.C.F.S. BECAUSE MANY
3 COUNTIES IN THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION PIGGYBACK OFF THESE
4 POLICIES. IF YOU LOOK UP ORANGE COUNTY POLICY, YOU'LL SEE THAT
5 L.A. COUNTY POLICY COMES UP. ARE WE REALLY TRYING TO SET A
6 TREND FOR 20 YEARS AND ONGOING THAT L.A. COUNTY LIKES TO STEAL
7 CHILDREN WITHOUT JUST CAUSE? IGNORE ABUSE LIKE GABRIEL
8 FERNANDEZ AND JOSHUA, I DON'T KNOW THE YOUNG MAN'S LAST NAME
9 BUT THE LITTLE BOY IN BALDWIN PARK EVERYBODY KEEPS FORGETTING
10 ABOUT. HE WAS KILLED ONLY TWO WEEKS AFTER GABRIEL. THAT'S
11 WHERE MY SON RESIDES IS IN BALDWIN PARK. MS. CEDILLO STILL HAS
12 NOT BEEN REMOVED FROM MY CASE. THANK YOU. HAVE A GOOD DAY.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. MARTIN?

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16 **CHRISTOPHER MARTIN:** YES, MY NAME IS CHRISTOPHER MARTIN. I'M
17 ALSO INCLUDED IN THE CASE WITH MY WIFE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
18 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, ALTHOUGH I'M NOT ACTUALLY
19 ALLOWED REPRESENTATION. I'M NOT ALLOWED TO SPEAK IN MY OWN
20 DEFENSE ON THIS CASE. I'M JUST TOLD TO GO TO THE BACK OF THE
21 COURTROOM AND REMAIN QUIET. BUT THAT'S NOT WHY I'M ACTUALLY
22 HERE TO TALK. I WAS HERE TO TALK ORIGINALLY ABOUT ASKING THE
23 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MOTORCYCLE-
24 MOUNTED LAW ENFORCEMENT IN LOS ANGELES. IT'S BEEN MY
25 EXPERIENCE THAT OVER 13 YEARS OF BEING A MOTORCYCLE MESSENGER,



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1 I FIND THAT THE PUBLIC FINDS MOTORCYCLE-MOUNTED LAW
2 ENFORCEMENT MORE APPROACHABLE THAN LAW ENFORCEMENT INSIDE OF
3 AUTOMOBILES. THIS IS JUST SOMETHING THAT I'VE FOUND THROUGH MY
4 OWN EXPERIENCE. BUT ALSO I JUST SEEM TO FIND THAT IT SEEMS
5 LIKE A MORE EFFICIENT WAY TO POLICE THE CITY AND SAVE MONEY AT
6 THE SAME TIME. ANYWAY, THANK YOU.

7

8 **MELLO DESIRE:** HELLO, MY NAME IS MELLO DESIRE AND MY FIRST BOUT
9 WAS FOR PERFORMING ARTS INITIATIVE FOR INNER-CITY YOUTH. BUT
10 MY SECOND BOUT IS HOUSING. I CAME HERE A COUPLE WEEKS AGO
11 SEEKING RESIDENCY. I LIVE IN A LOW INCOME HOUSING. AND THERE
12 ARE NO MORE SECTION 8 VOUCHERS. TWO WEEKS AGO, MS. MOLINA
13 ACTUALLY CONTACTED ME BACK IN RESPONSE TO HELPING WITH
14 HOUSING. BUT THE REFERENCES WITH CHRISTINE MCKINNEY, DUE TO
15 REPEATED CALLS AND SETS FOR APPOINTMENTS, SHE STILL HAS NOT
16 GOTTEN BACK TO ME. IT IS UNDERSTAFFED, OVERLOOKED WORKLOAD.
17 AND NOW I'VE BEEN ATTACKED BY A TENANT LAST WEEK WHO THE
18 L.A.P.D. DID NOT ARREST BUT THEY PUT THE HANDCUFFS ON ME,
19 WHICH I ACTUALLY CONTACTED INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND CLAIMING FOR
20 DAMAGES ON TOP OF THAT. I'VE NEVER ABOUT IN TROUBLE WITH THE
21 LAW BEFORE. AND FOR ME TO EVEN HAVE HANDCUFFS MAKES MY FIGHT
22 FOR THESE YOUTH JUSTIFIABLE. WE NEED NO MORE MONEY FOR
23 L.A.P.D.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.



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2 **MELLO DESIRE:** NO MORE MONEY FOR SHERIFFS.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. MAURICE RHOADES? ANGELA LUSSIER?

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6 **MELLO DESIRE:** I NEED AT LEAST TWO MINUTES TO SPEAK SERIOUSLY.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I KNOW.

9

10 **MELLO DESIRE BECAUSE OF HOUSING HELP.**

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12 **>>SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHERE DO YOU RESIDE?

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14 **MELLO DESIRE I LIVE ON 206 WEST SIXTH STREET.**

15

16 **>>SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST DISTRICT OR THE SECOND DISTRICT?

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18 **MELLO DESIRE:** THIRD DISTRICT MISS MOLINA ACTUALLY RESPONDED.

19 SHE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO RESPONDED. RIGHT NOW THE REFERENCES ARE

20 NOT RESPONDING. HOUSING IS NOT RESPONDING BECAUSE THERE'S NOT

21 ENOUGH WORKERS.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE'LL HAVE SOMEBODY TALK TO YOU. THE

24 EXECUTIVE OFFICES WILL HAVE SOMEBODY TO TALK TO YOU. AND

25 HANNAH LUSSIER?



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2 **HANNAH LUSSIER:** I'M HANNAH LUSSIER. AND I LOST MY SISTER. AND
3 THAT WAS A TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE FOR ME. AND MY SISTER MEANT A
4 LOT TO ME. AND IT'S SAD TO THINK THAT EVERY TIME WE GO VISIT
5 HER WHEN WE LEAVE SHE CRIES. AND IT'S PRETTY HARD BECAUSE SHE
6 DOESN'T -- WE BARELY GET TO SEE HER, LIKE ONCE A MONTH OR ONCE
7 EVERY TWO MONTHS. AND WE, ME AND MY SISTER REALLY BONDED
8 TOGETHER. AND SHE WAS GONE BACK AND FORTH FROM SOMEONE ELSE TO
9 US. IT WAS PRETTY HARD FOR US.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. YES?

12

13 **ANGELA LUSSIER:** YES, MY NAME IS ANGELA LUSSIER. THANK YOU.
14 THANK YOU, HANNAH. IT HAS BEEN VERY TRAUMATIC FOR US. I WANTED
15 TO READ -- HONEY, CAN YOU HOLD THIS? I WANTED TO READ
16 BASICALLY WHAT THE PROFESSIONALS SAID ABOUT HANNAH AND I.
17 HANNAH'S THERAPIST SAID, I'M SORRY, HANNAH'S DOCTOR SAID I
18 HAVE WITNESSED THE INTERACTION OF HANNAH WITH HER BABY SISTER
19 MORGAN, AND I BELIEVE THAT ANGELA, THEIR GRANDMOTHER, HAS
20 SHOWN REMARKABLE NURTURANCE, FIRMNESS, COMFORT AND
21 WATCHFULNESS OVER BOTH THESE CHILDREN SIMULTANEOUSLY. I
22 BELIEVE SHE HAS BEEN HEROIC AND COMPETENT IN HER COMMITMENT
23 TO THESE GIRLS. I ALSO BELIEVE IT WOULD BE A TRAGIC LOSS TO
24 ALL INVOLVED TO REMOVE MORGAN FROM THE FAMILY AT THIS TIME.
25 HER THERAPIST SAID IT IS IN MY OPINION THAT THE ADDITION OF



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1 HER BABY SISTER TO THE FAMILY DYNAMIC WAS AN IMPORTANT PART OF
2 THIS SUCCESSFUL EQUATION AS HANNAH WAS ABLE TO TAKE THE ROLE
3 OF BIG SISTER RATHER THAN THE IDENTIFIED PATIENT. HANNAH'S
4 GRANDMOTHER IS PROBABLY THE MOST TENACIOUS AND EFFECTIVE
5 ADVOCATE I'VE EVER HAD THE PLEASURE OF WORKING WITH.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

8

9 **ANGELA LUSSIER:** THE REASON SHE WAS TAKEN WAS THEY TOLD THE
10 COURTS, C.P.S. TOLD THE COURT SHE WAS EXPELLED FROM THE
11 GLENDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. AND HERE IS A LETTER THAT
12 SAYS AT THE TIME HANNAH ATTENDED MARK KEPPEL ELEMENTARY SHE
13 WAS NOT SUSPENDED NOR WAS SHE EXPELLED FROM HER SCHOOL
14 DISTRICT. THIS IS PROOF THAT THEY LIED.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COULD YOU GIVE THAT TO THE --

17

18 **ANGELA LUSSIER:** MR. ANTONOVICH, I'M GOING TO BE EMAILING YOU
19 AND CALLING ON THE CARD THAT I WAS GIVEN AND THESE ARE MY
20 ORIGINALS. BUT I WILL BE SENDING YOU THIS INFORMATION. THANK
21 YOU VERY MUCH.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONE SECOND. LET ME ALSO CALL UP TERRY
24 SIGMUND. JORDAN SIGMUND? AND PATRICK O'ROURKE. AND JUST TO
25 MAKE A POINT OF CLARIFICATION ON THE JAIL MOTIONS, THAT MY



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1 MOTION DID NOT NEED TO RETURN IN FOUR WEEKS, ONLY THE REQUEST
2 BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA WILL BE DUE IN FOUR WEEKS. POINT OF
3 CLARIFICATION. YES, SIR.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. ANTONOVICH. MR. ANTONOVICH TO MR.
6 RILEY, THOMAS RILEY, I CAME TO ASK FOR MR. THOMAS RILEY'S
7 HELP. MR. BENSON HARRIS, HIS CHIEF OF STAFF, HAS SHOWN ME
8 BENIGN NEGLECT. HIS TRANSPORTATION POINT MAN, MR. FERNANDO
9 RAMIREZ, HAS SHOWN ME BENIGN NEGLECT. I SUBMITTED SOME COUNTY
10 BUSINESS TO HIS OFFICE. AND I THINK IT'S DISRESPECTFUL TO NOT
11 RESPOND OR TO LEAD ME ON OR GIVE ME THE BUSINESS. SO I'M
12 COMING AND ASKING MR. SUPERVISOR THOMAS TO RESPOND. I'M GOING
13 TO THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. SOMEBODY FROM HIS OFFICE WILL TALK TO
16 YOU ON THE SIDE THERE. THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

17

18 **JORDAN SIGMUND:** I WANT TO TALK ABOUT YESTERDAY.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GIVE YOUR NAME FIRST.

21

22 **JORDAN SIGMUND:** JORDAN SIGMUND. MY TWO BROTHERS ARE IN THE
23 FOSTER CARE OF D.C.F.S. YESTERDAY I HAD A SCHEDULED VISIT AS
24 COURT ORDERED LIKE IT ALWAYS HAS BEEN ON MONDAYS FOR THE PAST
25 FEW YEARS. AND WE HAD RELATIVES COMING IN. BUT MY SOCIAL



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1 WORKER, MARK WEISS, SAID HE CALLED AND LEFT NO MESSAGE OR
2 ANYTHING AND COULDN'T EMAIL THE LAWYER OR EMAIL US HIMSELF.
3 THAT'S WHY HE SAID HE CANCELED THE VISIT BECAUSE THERE WAS NO
4 RESPONSE. BUT THAT SHOULDN'T AFFECT MY VISIT. ON TOP OF IT, MY
5 TWO BROTHERS RIGHT NOW HAVE BEEN FOR THE PAST FIVE DAYS IN LAS
6 VEGAS, OUT OF STATE. AND THIS IS ILLEGAL AND AGAINST THE LAW.
7 AND THEY DON'T NOTIFY US AND THEY SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DO THAT
8 AT ALL. I KNOW TO YOU OR TO D.C.F.S. IT DOESN'T MATTER IF I
9 LOSE MY VISIT BECAUSE THEY ALWAYS DO THIS AND NO ONE'S GOING
10 TO FIX IT. AND THAT'S WHY IT DOESN'T MATTER.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **THERESA SIGMUND:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **THERESA SIGMUND:** THIS IS THERESA SIGMUND. I WAS NOT INFORMED
17 THAT MY CHILDREN ARE GOING TO BE TAKEN OUT OF STATE. IF THIS
18 IS HAPPENING TO PEOPLE WITH RIGHTS THAT ARE HAVING RIGHTS NOT
19 JUST ON PAPER BUT IN REAL LIFE BECAUSE D.C.F.S. PARENTS HAVE
20 NO RIGHTS OTHER THAN THE PAPER, THIS WOULD BE RIGHT AWAY AMBER
21 ALERT, BIG DEAL. I MEAN THIS WOULD BE A BIG DEAL. BUT WHEN I,
22 AS A MOTHER IN D.C.F.S. DON'T GET TO GET TO SEE MY CHILDREN,
23 THEY ARE IN VEGAS. STATE LINE CROSSED, NO WALK ON ON THE
24 COURT? NOBODY KNOWS ABOUT IT? IT'S NO BIG DEAL. IT SHOULD BE A
25 BIG DEAL BECAUSE IT IS A BIG DEAL TO PARENTS NOT TO KNOW WHERE



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1 THEIR CHILDREN ARE. MY FAMILY IS HERE OUT OF TOWN. AND MY
2 CHILDREN, YOU NEUTERED THEM ANYHOW. THEY COULDN'T EVEN TALK TO
3 EACH OTHER NOW BECAUSE YOU PROHIBIT ME TO SPEAK GERMAN TO MY
4 KIDS. THEY CAN'T SPEAK THEIR NATIVE TONGUE. THESE COUSINS,
5 THEY LIVE IN SWITZERLAND. THREE, FOUR LANGUAGES. MY KIDS ONLY
6 SPEAK ENGLISH WHICH IS TOTALLY AGAINST WHAT I WOULD INSTILL IN
7 MY CHILDREN. AND I MISS THEM SORELY.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MY --

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. THANK YOU. MR. O'ROURKE, HOLD ON. JOHN
12 WALSH. DENISE PAZ.

13

14 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** WHY IS IT ONLY A MINUTE?

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BECAUSE WE HAVE SO MANY AND WE HAVE A
17 SESSION, SIR.

18

19 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** SO MY RIGHTS ARE SUPERCEDED BY YOUR RIGHTS?
20 THANKS.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO. BY OUR RIGHTS.

23

24 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** I HAVE RIGHT TO FREE SPEECH. I PAY YOUR
25 PAYCHECK.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. O'ROURKE WE'LL START WITH YOU.

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4 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** YES, OKAY. MY NAME IS PATRICK O'ROURKE, I'VE
5 COME IN HERE WITH FOLLOWING PROCEDURE FOR D.C.F.S. FACT THAT
6 DEPARTMENT AND CHILDREN FAMILY SERVICES HAS HAD PUBLIC
7 RELATION PROBLEMS FOR 40 YEARS. GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION
8 ENSUED. THEY ARE NONCOMPLIANT. FACT, THE L.A.D.C.F.S. WAS
9 FOUND NEGLECT SEVEN YEARS AGO. THEY STILL HAVEN'T IMPLEMENTED
10 PROCEDURES. IN FACT, THE AGENCY GETS UP TO \$150,000 PER CHILD
11 PER YEAR. THE COUNTY ENACTED LEGISLATION THAT ALLOWS THEM TO
12 TAKE ANY UNUSED PORTION OF THIS MONEY TO PLACE IT IN THE
13 GENERAL FUND. THAT'S A FACT. ONLY 12.6 PERCENT OF D.C.F.S.
14 EMPLOYEES ARE ACTUALLY IN THE FIELD. THAT'S WRONG. THAT'S
15 UNCONSCIONABLE. BOARD MEMBERS CONSTANTLY CRITICIZE THE PUBLIC,
16 BUT YET PRAISE D.C.F.S. WORKERS. THAT'S A CONFLICT OF
17 INTEREST. THE BOARD AND COUNTY ARE SHOWING THAT THEY HAVE NO
18 ABILITY TO CONTROL D.C.F.S., MONITOR THEM. AND PLEASE READ MY
19 STATEMENT. I'LL BE POSTING IT ONLINE. PATRICK O'ROURKE
20 FACEBOOK.

21

22 **DENISE PAZ:** HI, MY NAME IS DENISE PAZ, AND MUCH HAS BEEN SAID
23 ABOUT THE CHALLENGES FACING THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM AND FOSTER
24 CHILDREN. THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY, OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES LOS
25 ANGELES COUNTY HAS STRUGGLED SINCE THE LATE '90S, OVER A



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1 DECADE. WHAT HAS CHANGED? IT HAS SEEMS THOSE CHALLENGES DON'T
2 CHANGE. EVERY TIME WE HEAR A CHILD IS DEAD UNDER THE WATCH OF
3 D.C.F.S. AT THIS TIME I'M BETTING THAT THE BLUE RIBBON
4 COMMISSION TO INSURE CHILD SAFETY BY MAKING GOOD DECISIONS, BY
5 PROVIDING THE RIGHT SERVICES TO FAMILIES SO THAT THE CHILDREN
6 COULD SAFELY REMAIN HOME OR RETURN HOME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
7 WE ALSO NEED TO CONFRONT D.C.F.S. FRAUD. WE NEED TO
8 REVOLUTIONIZE CHILD WELFARE IN L.A. COUNTY. IT CAN BE CRITICAL
9 AND SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES WHEN HIGH RISK FAMILIES ARE NOT
10 SERVED WITH THE SAFETY CASE PLAN. AND WHEN SOCIAL WORKERS AND
11 SUPERVISORS NEGLECT FOSTER CHILDREN LIKE INSTANCE GABRIEL'S
12 DEATH THAT WILL HAUNT THIS DEPARTMENT FOREVER FOR THEIR
13 NEGLIGENCE THAT WAS KILLED IN SUCH HORRIFYING WAY. WELL MY
14 TIME IS UP AND I WILL CONTINUE NEXT WEEK. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP MELLO DESIRE.
17 AND NELANI MESSINA.

18

19 **ASTRID LECAHARNEY:** YES MA'AM. MY NAME IS ASTRID LECAHARNEY. I
20 WAS HERE LAST WEEK AND I WAS SPEAKING BEFORE THE BOARD AND I
21 HAD TOLD THE BOARD THAT I AM INVOLVED UNFORTUNATELY WITH THE
22 D.C.F.S. I HAVE A SOCIAL WORKER BY THE NAME OF MARK WHITE THAT
23 I WISH TO HAVE REMOVED FROM MY CASE FOR INAPPROPRIATENESS. THE
24 LAST TIME I WAS HERE, MR. THOMAS CONCERNED. AND HIS OFFICE DID
25 TAKE UP THE MATTER SOMEWHAT. HOWEVER, IN THE MEANTIME, I HAVE



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1 SPOKEN TO THE D.C.F.S. GARY KIRKLAND, AND HE SEEMS TO THINK
2 IT'S A MATTER OF SEMANTICS. LET ME JUST SAY WHAT HAPPENED
3 HERE. MY EX BROKE COURT ORDER AND WITH VISITATION AND WITH
4 GIVING ME RIGHTS TO MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS AND MEDICAL VISITS OF
5 OUR CHILD. OKAY? THAT WAS A COURT ORDER THAT WAS BROKEN. MARK
6 WHITE TOLD ME IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS THAT WAS NOT HIS JOB TO
7 UPHOLD THAT ORDER. COULD I JUST GET CLARIFICATION ON THAT,
8 PLEASE?

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S A COURT ORDER. WE CAN'T.

11

12 **ASTIRD LECAHARNEY:** DOES THE D.C.F.S. NOT UPHOLD IT? THEN WHO
13 UPHOLDS THE COURT ORDER?

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE COURTS.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HAVE YOU TALKED TO YOUR LAWYER?

18

19 **ASTIRD LECAHARNEY:** YES, I HAVE.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HE SHOULD FILE THE COMPLAINT. I'M SORRY. MR.
22 WALSH?

23

24 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.

25 HEY, WE ALL LIVE IN L.A. WE HAD A RIOT LAST NIGHT. MARK



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1 RIDLEY-THOMAS WAS DOWN THERE AFTER THE RIOT ENDED. DO YOU WANT
2 TO KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CITY? YOU MUST COME TO
3 HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. HIGHLANDS, HOLLYWOODHILANDS.ORG HERE'S
4 A PICTURE YOU WILL NOT SEE IN THE MEDIA. THESE ARE THE
5 HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE MARCHING FOR TRAYVON, OUR MARTYRED HERO.
6 AND SEE ALL THESE CARS HERE, THIS IS ON THE 10 FREEWAY. THOSE
7 ARE ALL L.A.P.D. CARS. MAYBE WE SHOULD HAVE THE SHERIFFS TAKE
8 OVER. I'M TELLING YOU, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IF YOU WANT TO
9 KNOW WHO IS BEHIND ALL OF THIS, WAS IT THE REVOLUTIONARY
10 COMMUNIST PARTY? I DON'T KNOW. I KNOW THIS WAS RACISM. YOU
11 HAVE TO GO TO HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG AND THEN CLICK OVER TO J.
12 WALSH CONFIDENTIAL AND SEE WHAT'S REALLY HAPPENING.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP NELANI
15 BESSANIA LUZ FLORES. OKAY. YES, MA'AM.

16

17 **MELLO DESIRE:** YES. I WAS TALKING ABOUT HOUSING THAT IS NEEDED.
18 I'M IN A PROGRAM WHERE AFTER A YEAR YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE
19 ISSUED A SECTION 8 VOUCHER AND MOVE ANYWHERE. I WAS TOLD TWO
20 MONTHS AGO THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NO VOUCHERS FOR OVER A YEAR. I
21 DID NOT KNOW THIS. NOW THE UNIT THAT I STAY IN, I WAS BATTERED
22 BY ANOTHER TENANT LAST WEEK. NEVER HAD AN ISSUE. AND THEN ON
23 TOP OF THAT, A FLOODING IN THE BATHROOM PIPES THAT BURST THAT
24 RUINED ALL MY FILM EQUIPMENT, OVER \$5,000 WORTH OF EQUIPMENT.
25 IT'S NOT A DESIRE TO MOVE ANYMORE, IT'S AN EMERGENCY TO MOVE.



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1 AND NOW THAT THERE'S NO VOUCHERS, CHRISTINE MCKINNEY THAT I
2 WAS REFERRED TO BY GLORIA MOLINA HAS NOT RESPONDED TO THE TWO
3 WEEKS I CALLED HER OR RESPONDED. THEY ARE UNDERSTAFFED,
4 OVERWORKED. AND THIS IS A POINT WHERE I NEED HOUSING. I CANNOT
5 HELP THESE YOUTH IF I CANNOT HELP MYSELF. AND HOUSING IS
6 SOMETHING THAT WE NEED IMPORTANT FUNDING FOR. NO MORE MONEY
7 FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DO NOT CARE
8 ABOUT THE PEOPLE. L.A.P.D. IS SHORT RIGHT NOW. THEY NEED HELP.
9 SO PLEASE HELP ME WITH HOUSING SO I CAN HELP OTHERS. AND THAT
10 IS MY BOUT.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** MA'AM, I'M GOING TO TELL YOU ONE MORE TIME. YOUR
13 ISSUE IS WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. THIS IS THE COUNTY.

14

15 **MELLO DESIRE:** THE CITY REFERRED ME TO YOU WHICH IS WHY I CAME
16 HERE.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO. I UNDERSTAND. WE REFERRED YOU BACK TO THE
19 CITY, WHICH IS YOUR SECTION 8 IS UNDER THE CITY.

20

21 **MELLO DESIRE:** SO JOSE WEZAR NEED TO NOT SEND ME BACK HERE.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** HE'S GOOD AT SHUFFLING AROUND. BUT I JUST WANT TO
24 TELL YOU I CAN'T HANDLE ANYTHING IN THE CITY.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEY HAVE SEPARATE FUNDING FOR THAT PROGRAM.
2 IT'S NOT THE COUNTY. WE ONLY DO THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS.

3

4 **MELLO DESIRE:** RIGHT. BUT THEY HAVE NO FUNDING AT ALL IS WHAT
5 THEY'RE SAYING. THAT'S WHY I'M SAYING I DON'T KNOW WHERE ELSE
6 TO TURN IF NO ONE ELSE HAS FUNDING BUT THEY HAVE 56 PERCENT
7 FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE NINE SHERIFF'S PEOPLE
8 GUARDING METRO SYSTEM. GETTING PEOPLE FOR TAP CARDS BUT WE
9 DON'T HAVE L.A.P.D. PEOPLE.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU'RE MIXING IT UP AGAIN. THAT'S A DIFFERENT
12 ISSUE. THAT IS THE CITY BUDGET. I'M JUST TRYING TO GIVE YOU
13 INFORMATION, YOU WANT TO ARGUE WITH ME IT'S A DIFFERENT ISSUE.

14

15 **MELLO DESIRE:** NO. I DON'T WANT TO ARGUE, I JUST NEED HELP. I
16 JUST NEED ANSWERS.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU NEED TO GO TO THE CITY. WE DON'T FUND THAT
19 PROGRAM HERE.

20

21 **MELLO DESIRE:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TODI MALLARY? AND JOEY TRUCHA? YES, MA'AM.

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1 **NELANI BASANA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS NELANI BASANA AND I
2 WORK AS A LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSE AT LA CASA MENTAL HEALTH
3 REHAB CENTER IN LONG BEACH. I HAVE WORKED THERE FOR ALMOST
4 FIVE YEARS. WE CAME HERE TO ADDRESS MR. KNABE, BUT WE ARE
5 HOPING THAT THE REST OF THE COUNCILMEMBERS CAN PASS THIS
6 MESSAGE ALONG TO HIM. WE ARE HERE ONCE AGAIN TO GIVE YOU AN
7 UPDATE OF WHAT'S GOING ON IN MR. KNABE'S DISTRICT. THREE WEEKS
8 AGO WE TOLD YOU WE WERE GOING ON STRIKE BECAUSE OF TELECARE LA
9 CASA'S BAD FAITH BARGAINING AND UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICES. WELL
10 WE TRIED TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR HOSPITAL'S SAFETY AND
11 CARE. WE ARE NOW DONE WITH THE STRIKE. AND THE SAME SAFETY
12 CONDITIONS STILL EXIST. MY COWORKERS ARE NOT ASKING FOR MUCH,
13 JUST THE BASICS. WE JUST WANT TO WORK IN A PLACE THAT IS FREE
14 OF VIOLENCE. AREA RESIDENTS SHOULDN'T BE AFRAID THAT A PATIENT
15 WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES IS RUNNING THROUGH THEIR
16 NEIGHBORHOOD BECAUSE OF INADEQUATE SECURITY AT LA CASA. THE
17 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HAS GIVEN TELECARE FACILITIES AT LEAST
18 113 MILLION OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS. WE DIDN'T COME TO TELL
19 YOU WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR DISTRICT IN VAIN. WE CAME HOPING
20 THAT WE SHED SOME LIGHT ON THE SAFETY ISSUES OCCURRING THERE
21 AND THAT YOU WOULD STAND UP AS A LEADER AS YOU ARE AND DO
22 SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

25



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1 **LUZ FLORES:** HI, MY NAME IS LUZ FLORES. I AM A C.N.A. AND I
2 ALSO WORK FOR TELECARE LA CASA. I CHOOSE TO WORK IN THIS FIELD
3 BECAUSE I CARE ABOUT PEOPLE. AND I ALSO BECAME PART OF THE
4 SAFETY COMMITTEE AT LA CASA. AND I WAS ALL THE CONCERNS THAT I
5 HAD, I SAID IT. AND WHAT HAPPENED TO ME IS I GOT PUSHED BY ONE
6 OF THE CLIENTS WHILE I WAS TRYING TO PROTECT ANOTHER FEMALE
7 CLIENT THAT HE WAS ABUSING. HE WAS HITTING HER. AND HE KNOCKED
8 ME OUT. I HAD TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL. LA CASA LEFT ME ALONE
9 WITH THE BILLS. I NOT EVEN RECEIVING WORKER'S COMPENSATION. I
10 STILL ON MEDICAL LEAVE. AND LAST MONTH, ONE OF THE CLIENTS WHO
11 A.W.O.L., HE WAS KILLED ON THE STREET. AND THOSE THINGS, WE
12 BROUGHT IT TO THE ADMINISTRATION, BUT IT SEEMS THAT NO ONE
13 CARES ABOUT IT. THAT'S WHY WE CAME OVER HERE BECAUSE WE THINK
14 THAT YOU CAN PUT SOME REGULATIONS OVER THERE AND FOLLOW
15 CLOSELY TO WHAT THEY'RE DOING FOR THE STAFF, FOR CLIENTS AND
16 FOR THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

19

20 **TEODY MALOWI:** HELLO, EVERYONE, MY NAME IS TEODY MALOWI AND I
21 AM MENTAL HEALTH WORKER AT TELECARE LA CASA. FOR MORE THAN A
22 YEAR TELECARE LA CASA HAS DISMISSED ALL CALLS FOR IMPROVEMENT
23 TO SAFETY AND CARE. AND WE HAVE FOCUSED ON UNFAIR LABOR
24 PRACTICE, TRYING TO DE-CERT OUR UNION, INTIMIDATING WORKERS
25 AND CONSTANTLY DELAYING CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS. WE HAVE NOW



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1 FINISHED OUR FIVE-DAY STRIKE AND THE ENTIRE STATE OF
2 CALIFORNIA IS WATCHING. MEDIA COVERAGE HAS PUT A SPOTLIGHT ON
3 MANAGEMENT BAD FAITH BARGAINING. NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTS ARE
4 DEMANDING SAFETY CHANGES. NUMEROUS CALLS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR
5 INVESTIGATION INTO SAFETY ISSUES AT LA CASA. TO DATE, THE
6 FOLLOWING ELECTED LEADERS HAVE PERSONALLY REACHED OUT TO THE
7 TELECARE CORPORATION AND TELECARE C.E.O. ANN BAKER. YOUR
8 COUNTY SUPERVISORS JIM PROVENZA AND DON SAILER, SACRAMENTO
9 COUNTY SUPERVISOR BILL SERNA. LONG BEACH CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
10 PATRICK ORDONO, STEVEN NEAL, AL OWSTEIN AND JERRY SIBSKI.
11 ASSEMBLY MEMBERS, AND ANTHONY RENDON, ISADOR HALL AND BONNIE
12 LOWENTHAL. STATE SENATOR RICARDO LARA. SAN MATEO COUNTY
13 SUPERVISOR DON HOSTY. AND U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN JANICE HUNT. WE
14 HAVE REACHED OUT TO SUPERVISORS KNABE'S OFFICE.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. PAUL WILL GIVE US A STATEMENT.
17 THANK YOU. YES SIR.

18

19 **JOEY TALUCHA:** MY NAME IS JOEY TALUCHA, I'M A LICENSED
20 VOCATIONAL NURSE AT LA CASA MENTAL HEALTH REHAB. THE LAST TIME
21 WE WERE HERE WE UPDATED THE BOARD OF SOME ALARMING NUMBERS OF
22 THE CURRENT CONDITION OF TELECARE LA CASA. MORE THAN 200
23 ASSAULTS BETWEEN PATIENTS THERE LAST YEAR. MORE THAN 230 CALLS
24 AT LONG BEACH POLICE HAVE HAD TO RESPOND TO OVER THE LAST
25 THREE YEARS. AND MORE THAN 30 PATIENTS HAVE ESCAPED SINCE



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1 2010, INCLUDING ONE WHO DIED JUST LAST MONTH. WE HAVE DONE OUR
2 WORK TO SHINE THE LIGHT OF THE SAFETY ISSUES IN OUR DISTRICT
3 AND BAD FAITH BARGAINING GOING IN OUR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS.
4 WE'VE GONE TO OUR SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE AND WE'VE GONE TO
5 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, BUT WE ARE STUCK. SUPERVISOR
6 KNABE WAS ELECTED YOU AND THE OTHER SUPERVISORS TO HELP
7 CONSTITUENTS CUT THROUGH THE BUREAUCRACY IN GOVERNMENT BUT ALL
8 WE'VE SEEMED TO GET THE SAME BUREAUCRACY. WE MET WITH THE
9 SUPERVISOR KNABE'S OFFICE IN FEBRUARY. AND WE ARE HEARD YOUR
10 OFFICE WOULD REQUEST A D.M.H. INVESTIGATION. FROM FEBRUARY AND
11 UNTIL JUNE WE ASKED FOR UPDATES BY EMAIL AND PHONE AND CALLS
12 BUT DIDN'T GET ANY RESPONSE.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. DAVID SERRANO, ERIC PREVEN, ARNOLD
15 SACHS, MICHAEL CARREON. YOU DON'T NEED TO SHOUT.

16

17 **DAVID SERRANO:** JEHOVAH GOD IS THE FATHER AND THE SON AND THE
18 HOLY SPIRIT. JEHOVAH OUR GOD, JEHOVAH IS ONE, AMEN. INFINITE
19 JEHOVAH JESUS WAS CONCEIVED BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT OF
20 GOD AND CHRIST WAS BORN OF THE SANCTIFIED VIRGIN MARY. JESUS
21 NEVER SINNED. JESUS IS GOD. ALL THE PEOPLE ARE SINNERS AND
22 FALL SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD AND THE PENALTY FOR SIN IS
23 DEATH IN HADES WHICH IS EXCLUSION FROM HEAVEN. BUT THE GIFT OF
24 GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE IN CHRIST OUR LORD. INNOCENT JESUS DIED IN
25 OUR PLACE FOR OUR SINS TAKING UPON HIMSELF THE PENALTY OF



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1 DEATH IN HADES, WHICH ALL PEOPLE DESERVE AS OUR SUBSTITUTE BY
2 THE GRACE OF GOD, EFFECTIVE THROUGH FAITH IN THE LORD JESUS
3 CHRIST. INNOCENT JESUS DIED AS THE CONSUMMATE SACRIFICE OF
4 ATONEMENT FOR THE SINS OF THE WORLD. HE WAS BURIED AND ON THE
5 THIRD DAY JESUS RESURRECTED AND HE LEFT THE TOMB, AMEN. THEN
6 JESUS ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN. JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY TO GOD IN
7 HEAVEN, AMEN. CHRISTIAN SOULS AND SPIRITS ASCEND INTO THE
8 KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, AMEN.

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. PREVEN?

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12 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
13 DISTRICT 3. AND TODAY WE HEARD SOME VERY INTERESTING TESTIMONY
14 ABOUT THESE JAIL ISSUES FROM ALL DIFFERENT SIDES. I WAS
15 PARTICULARLY WORRIED, THOUGH, THAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA WHO I
16 THINK HAS HER HEART IN THE RIGHT PLACE IS FOCUSED ON, YOU
17 KNOW, KIND OF A HARDCORE REQUIREMENT THAT SENTENCES BE FULLY
18 SERVED. I MEAN, I JUST THINK THAT'S COMPLETELY OUT OF STEP
19 WITH WHERE WE ARE TODAY. I MEAN YOU LOOK AT THE STATE SYSTEM
20 AND STRIKING INDIVIDUALS, THE IDEA THAT THE PROBLEM IS THAT
21 THESE GUYS AREN'T SERVING, OR WOMEN, THE FULL TERM IS CRAZY
22 BECAUSE RECIDIVISM, IN FACT, INCREASES THE LONGER YOU SERVE. I
23 JUST THINK THAT'S OUT OF STEP. I KNOW SHE WANTS TO PROTECT HER
24 COMMUNITIES. WE'VE GOT TO THINK LONGER AND HARDER ON THAT.
25 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, REFERRING TO THIS AS A TRAIN WRECK. I



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1 MEAN, IT IS A TRAIN WRECK, OF COURSE. BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND
2 THAT. I MEAN, WE NEED TO SHOW UP EVERY DAY LIKE YOU SAID
3 REGARDING THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION AND SOLVE SOME OF THESE
4 PROBLEMS, NOT THROW OUR HANDS UP IN THE AIR EVERY SIX MONTHS
5 AND GO, "HEY, GET BACK TO US IN SIX MONTHS ABOUT WHERE WE
6 ARE."

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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10 **ERIC PREVEN:** YOU'RE WELCOME. HAVE A GREAT DAY. THANK YOU.

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12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** OH, YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD
13 SACHS. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU. MY CUP RUNNETH OVER
14 WITH YOUR CONCERNS ABOUT THE BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS ON THE NEW
15 CONSTRUCTION OF THIS JAIL. SO, PLEASE, CAN YOU COME UP WITH AT
16 LEAST FOUR EXCUSES OF WHERE THE HELL YOU WERE FOR THE MEASURE
17 R DELIBERATIONS? YOU KNOW, WHERE YOU MISSED THAT BY \$700
18 MILLION. HERE'S A QUICK ONE FOR YOU. THIS IS FROM 3/20/13.
19 THIS IS A PROJECT BUDGET AND SCHEDULE STATUS. IT REFERS TO THE
20 WEST SIDE SUBWAY EXTENSION. CURRENTLY FORECAST AT
21 \$2,331,000,000 MILLION. THIS IS FROM THE PERFORMANCE, JULY
22 2013. CURRENT FORECAST, \$2,471,000,000. THIS IS FROM A DAILY
23 BRIEF FROM THE C.E.O. HE IS LOOKING FOR BIDS ON THE PURPLE
24 LINE. CURRENT PROPOSAL, 1.2 BILLION TO 1.4 BILLION. THAT'S A
25 BILLION DOLLARS DIFFERENCE RIGHT THERE. YOU'RE LOOKING FOR



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1 FUNDING. CAN YOU EXPLAIN HOW YOU COULD HAVE A DIFFERENCE OF A
2 BILLION DOLLARS IN THREE DIFFERENT REPORTS.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YEAH, I KNOW. THANK YOU. TALK ABOUT THE PUBLIC.
7 TALK ABOUT THE PUBLIC.

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9 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. IN ACCORDANCE WITH
10 BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD
11 OF SUPERVISORS CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO.
12 1, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND ITEM NO -- AND
13 ON ITEM NO. CS-2, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR WILLIAM T
14 FUJIOKA AND DESIGNATED STAFF, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
15 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JULY 30,
16 2013.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MOLINA MOVES. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION. SO
19 ORDERED.

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21 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THOSE ITEMS WERE ON THE POSTED
22 AGENDA.

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1 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION JULY 16, 2013**

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5 There is no reportable action on item CS-1.

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7 In open session, item CS-2 was continued two weeks to July 20,
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